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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Britain And ANZUS

JUST why Britain's request to send an observer to the ANZUS conference has been rejected is anything but clear; nor is it easy to understand why such a decision has been made by the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Some observers feel that one reason is that if Britain be allowed to "sit in" on the discussions, other countries would claim the same privilege. Lost sight of is the fact that Britain has special interests in the South Pacific; moreover she has strong ties with Australia and New Zealand as partners in the British Commonwealth. That the Foreign Office should feel hurt and somewhat affronted is natural enough. While Britain has not become an active associate in the Pacific Council, she is fully sympathetic to its aims and objects. And in seeking to have an observer at the Council meetings, she is striving to demonstrate that her interest in ANZUS is more than idle curiosity. To suggest that her official presence at the Council discussions would create an impression among the Asiatic nations that ANZUS was tainted with colonialism is stretching imagination to a point of absurdity.

It is difficult to escape the conviction that Britain's claim to be represented at Honolulu has not been given the serious consideration by ANZUS which it merits. The Pacific Council has been created for the long-term purpose of establishing collective security in the South Pacific, and in the event of Australia or New Zealand being involved in a war, Britain would unhesitatingly go to their aid, and without regard to the fact that she might not be an active member of ANZUS. This is well known to all three members of the Pacific Council. It is not to be expected that London will be satisfied with leaving the situation as it exists. The request which has been made to ANZUS is a reasonable one and the least the members of the Pacific Council can do is to give new and deeper consideration to Britain's point of view.

TAKSHING ATTACKED BY

RED GUNBOATS

Ship Boarded: Two Chinese Taken Off BRITISH WARSHIPS GO TO THE RESCUE

A COMMUNIST GUNBOAT AND ARMED JUNK INTERCEPTED AND FIRED ON THE MACAO-BOUND SS TAKSHING (CAPT. J. B. McCaw) AT 2 A.M., TODAY WHILE SHE WAS ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ROUTE ABOUT 10 MILES FROM MACAO AND 5½ MILES FROM LANTAU ISLAND.

The Takshing was compelled to stop and an armed boarding party from the Communist boats went aboard and removed two Chinese passengers.

In reply to a distress signal, the frigate HMS Mounts Bay and the destroyer, HMS Consort, went to the rescue.

Both British warships were fired on by Communist shore batteries and they returned the fire.

The Takshing, owned by the Tai Yip Company, registered in Hongkong and flying the British flag, left Hongkong at midnight for Macao. She took the normal route past Green Island and when within quarter of a mile off Lantau, turned north to remain within British territorial waters. Thereafter she followed the international trade route.

At 2 a.m. she was hailed by a gunboat and an armed launch flying the Chinese Communist flag and told to stop. She continued on her way. The gunboat opened machine-gun fire and also fired one or two rounds of shells. The Takshing was superficially hit astern by bullets.

She stopped and was ordered by the Chinese gunboat towards the west side of Lap Sap Mei Island and an armed guard went on board and forcibly removed two passengers, Ching Chee-wah and Lo Yee-wah.

At about the same time, having received a signal from the Takshing, HMS Mounts Bay (Capt. A.F.P. Lewis DSC, RN) and the HMS Consort (Cdr

G.B. Rowe RN) were despatched to investigate.

At five minutes to seven the two British ships arrived at the position given by the Takshing to find the steamer under way for Hongkong.

The two British gunboats followed the Takshing to within half a mile inside British waters off Lantau point.

At 7.50 a.m., when the three ships were about four and a half miles inside Lantau Channel, Chinese shore batteries on Lap Sap Mei fired on them.

The fire was returned by the British men-of-war.

Artillery firing lasted for about five minutes.

No damage was done to the British ships and no one was hurt.

It is thought that the Communist batteries used 75-mm guns.

The Takshing returned to her berth at the Takshing wharf on Connaught Road West and the skipper, Capt. J. B. McCaw, went ashore to report to the authorities.

GOVT. STATEMENT

The following statement was issued by the Government Public Relations Office at 1 o'clock today:

About 2.20 a.m. this morning the British-registered steamer, ss Takshing, regularly employed on the Macao ferry route, was proceeding in the well-established international channel between Hongkong and Macao when she was overhauled by a vessel which called upon her to stop and fired bursts from a machine-gun. The vessel stopped and a round from a heavier gun was fired ahead of her bows to emphasise the order. The Master was instructed to proceed to the island of Lap Sap Mei, where he was brought to anchor in a bay on the west side of Lap Sap Mei. A party of Chinese Communist troops boarded the vessel and searched her. Two passengers were removed from the ship by the armed party and taken ashore.

In the meantime two British Naval vessels, HMS Consort and HMS Mounts Bay, had been despatched to investigate in response to a wireless appeal from the master and encountered the Takshing as she was leaving Lap Sap Mei.

The Takshing was returning to Hongkong escorted by the two Naval vessels and was in British waters off South Lantau Light when fire was opened from Communist shore batteries on the east side of Lap Sap Mei. Fire was returned. There were no casualties or damage except bullet holes in the Takshing from the bursts fired when she was first called upon to stop.

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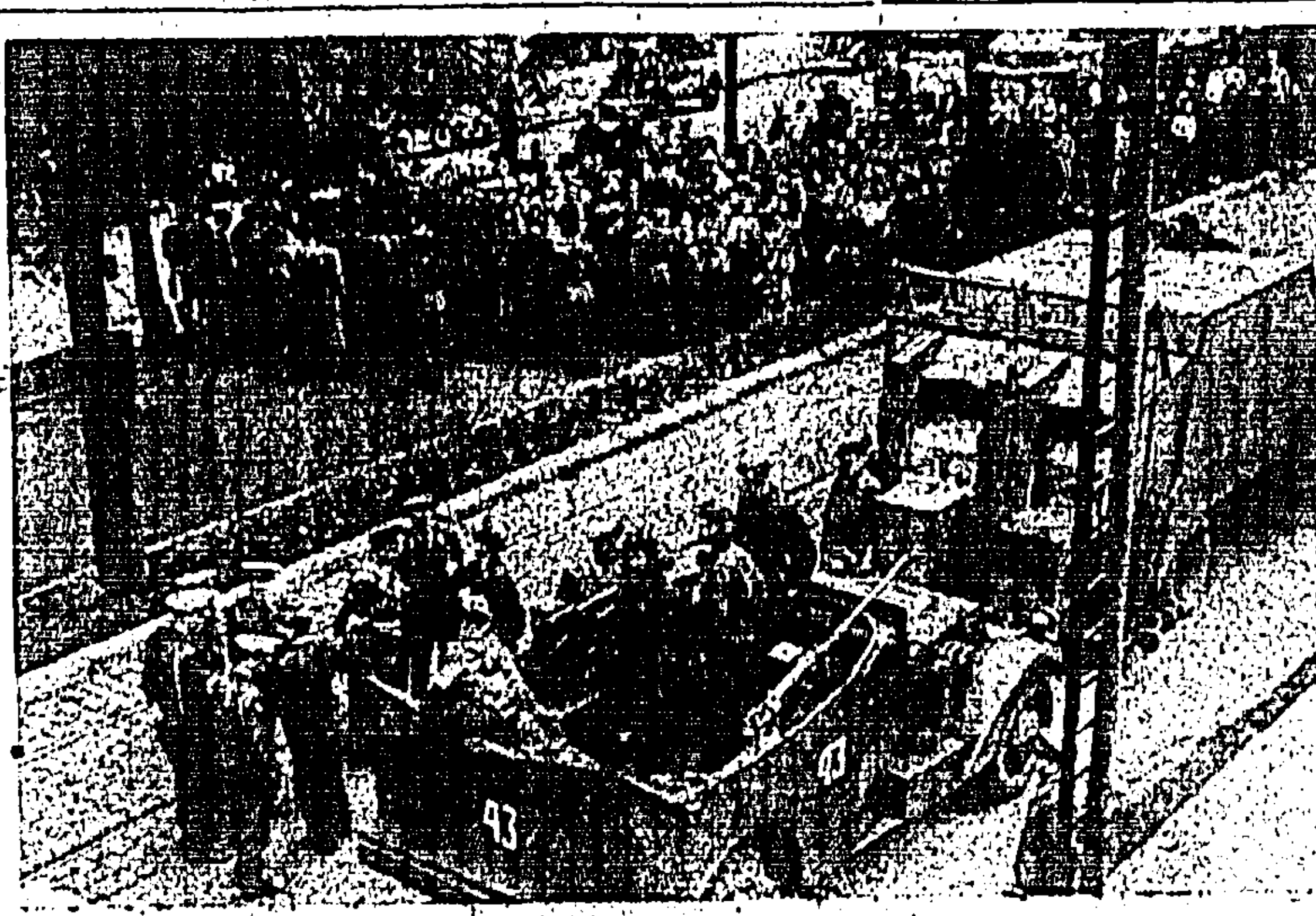
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The Americans are expected to land either at Istres airport, near Marseilles, or at Polyvestre field, on the coast opposite the island of Forquerolles.

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"We believe La Sibylle is located somewhere south of St Tropez," he added.



Missing Submarine

Fleet Is Mobilised For Search

Paris, Sept. 24.

The whole French Mediterranean fleet based on Toulon has been mobilised to take part in the search for the French submarine La Sibylle, missing on exercises in the Mediterranean with 48 officers and men aboard.

A French naval spokesman said: "We have the most serious apprehensions—submarine accidents are always liable to lead to calamities."

La Sibylle was off Toulon when the last message was received from her this morning. The submarine failed to surface after a diving exercise shortly before midday, the naval spokesman said.

The crew consists of three officers and 45 men.

La Sibylle is a craft of 715 tons surface displacement, with an armament of one four-inch gun, one 20-millimetre anti-aircraft gun and six torpedo tubes. Her surface speed is 14 knots and submerged ten knots.

La Sibylle was the last of four British submarines to be handed over on loan to the French Navy. She left Portsmouth for L'Orient, the French naval base on July 15.

La Sibylle disappeared while diving between the island of Forquerolles and Cannes, on the Riviera coast, a naval officer said.

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A West Berlin dustcart

(right) blocks the passage of a Red Army armoured car, whose occupants, having apparently lost their way, had raced across the western sectors of the city. American military police were called out to protect the armoured car's flyman crew from the West Berliners, and to escort the car across the border into the Soviet Sector.—London Express.

Three Men Killed In Explosion

Port Arthur, Ontario, Sept. 24.

Three men were reported killed and between 15 and 20 trapped in an explosion and fire at a grain elevator here today.

One body was recovered soon after the explosion rocked the waterfront. Two bodies were reported to have been trapped under a wall as it toppled on to a lake freighter alongside the dock.

The explosion ripped the roof off a workshop adjoining the main section of the 8,000,000 bushel terminal.

Fire followed the explosion, and all available fire-fighting equipment was rushed to the scene.

The British freighter Baydon of the Colonial Steamship Lines was reported to have been tied up at the terminal loading grain when the explosion occurred.

A terminal on the same site was destroyed by an explosion and fire in 1945 with the loss of 23 lives.—Reuter.

Dissatisfied With Publicity

London, Sept. 24.

Resolutions for the Conservative Party's annual conference next month show that Mr Winston Churchill's supporters warmly applauded his government's performance but deplored its "failure" to put its policy over to the public.

Several resolutions allege that the 1,500 seat landslide to Labour in Britain's municipal elections last spring was due largely to inept handling of government propaganda.

In a list of 183 provisional motions published today 25 are devoted to calls for a tightening up of publicity methods.

Discussion at the conference, which opens at Scarborough on October 9, will be based on a selection of key resolutions, but the views expressed in the remainder will be brought out in debate.

Constitution of the Conservative Party is different from that of the Labour Opposition, whose annual conference is the final arbiter of the party policy. In the Conservative Party the leader—in this case Mr Churchill—has the final say.—Reuter.

Acheson's Strong Statement

ACCUSES RUSSIA

Washington, Sept. 24.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, accused the Soviet Union today of dodging the issue of free German elections in its long exchange of notes with the Western Powers on proposals for a united Germany.

Mr Acheson issued a sharply worded statement denouncing the Soviet Government for playing on words.

He said yesterday's reply by the United States, Britain and France to the Soviet Union was "another attempt to persuade the Soviet Union to face up to the one problem which must be met if we are to end the present artificial division of Germany."

"That problem," he said, "was to hold free elections throughout Germany."

"The Soviet Union has been seeking through this whole exchange of notes to talk about German unity but to avoid talking about a free election, which is the only way to get unity in freedom," he added.

"The Soviet Government wants to talk about an eventual peace treaty or about the North Atlantic Treaty, or almost any other matter but not elections."

The Soviet Government leaned heavily, for example, on the provisions of the Potsdam Agreement calling for the restoration of Germany as a "united, independent, peace-loving, Democratic state."

"This is indeed our objective in Germany," Acheson said.

"But what does the Soviet Government mean by these words?"

DIFFERENT MEANINGS

"We have learned in these postwar years that such words have meanings for the Soviet Government and for Communist parties everywhere, which are entirely different from their traditional meanings in the Russian, English, French, German, and any other language."

"We have learned that Soviet statesmen use the word 'democratic' exclusively for countries or groups lightly run by elements recognising the political authority of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

"We have learned that independent means about the same thing."

"We have learned that peace-loving means to Soviet statesmen anything which advances the cause of Communist parties recognising the authority of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union," Mr Acheson said.

"By the same token, it appears that anything which implies resistance to the aims of such Communist parties is immediately branded as warlike or aggressive intent."

"Conditions in the Soviet Zone are not such as to encourage the belief that elections can now be held there under conditions of freedom," Acheson said.

"We would like an impartial commission to go in there, give us a factual report, and suggest what needs to be done (Continued on back page, col. 2)."

Mossadegh's Demand Unacceptable

WANTS £49 MILLION DOWN PAYMENT

London, Sept. 24. Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's reported demand for a down payment by Britain of £49,000,000 was described by authoritative quarters tonight as "completely unacceptable".

However, in rejecting it, sources nevertheless hoped the door would not be closed against further moves toward ultimate settlement.

The Foreign Office was awaiting the text of the Iranian proposals and declined formal comment until it had studied them in close consultation with the United States.

The claim for payment of £49,000,000 is considered by Britain's experts as non-existent "because no such sum is due". This amount would have become due if the Iranian government had ratified the British-proposed supplementary agreement on higher royalties for Iranian oil, which it failed to do.

The amount, it was authoritatively stated, is no longer available since it has been used to meet the heavy additional expenditure incurred by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company as a result of its evacuation from Iran.—United Press.

PERSIA'S REPLY

Tehran, Sept. 24. The Persian Premier, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, tonight handed to the British and American envoys here Persia's reply to the Churchill-Truman proposals on the oil dispute.

Mr George Middleton, the British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr Loy Henderson, the American Ambassador, drove to the Premier's residence at 7 p.m. and stayed there for less than half an hour.

Persia's counter proposals offer four methods of settling the financial claims and counter-claims between Persia and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, according to informed sources here.

These are that if the settlement of the Persian courts prove unacceptable to the company, Persia would be prepared to go to The Hague Court for settlement of claims on the 1919 agreement (the original d'Arcy oil agreement), the 1933 agreement, or the 1949 supplementary agreement.

If these agreements proved unacceptable to the company as

a basis for a settlement, Persia would abide by any mutually agreed upon and internationally recognised method of settlement, the sources said.

The court should, however, give a verdict on all issues within six months of them being referred to it.

FIRST CONDITION

As a condition for starting direct negotiations with the company, Persia would insist on the payment of £49 million by the company.

The sources said "while there was no ultimatum for the severance of relations with Britain it was understood that a period of 14 days would be allowed for Britain to reply to the demands."

The counter proposals seek to ensure that the company gets compensation only for installations left behind in Abadan and other places, the sources said.

There would be no question of any other compensation after the nationalisation in 1951.

The main change in the counter proposals submitted tonight was the abandonment of the clause seeking to sever diplomatic relations with Britain, these sources said.—Reuter.

Shepherd & Flock Seek Refuge

Berlin, Sept. 24. The West German news agency DPA reported tonight an East German shepherd fled to West Berlin last night with his flock of 800 sheep.

Taking advantage of the damp and foggy weather last night, the shepherd crossed the city boundary into the United States sector.—Reuter.

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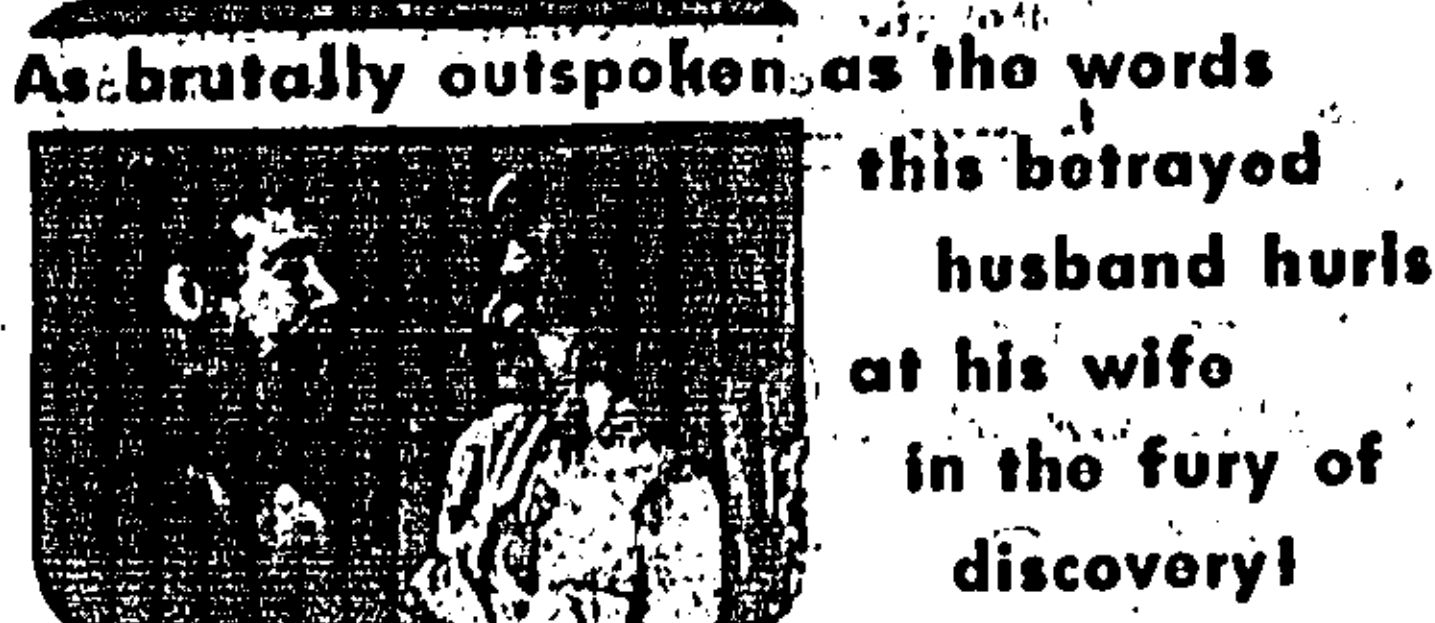
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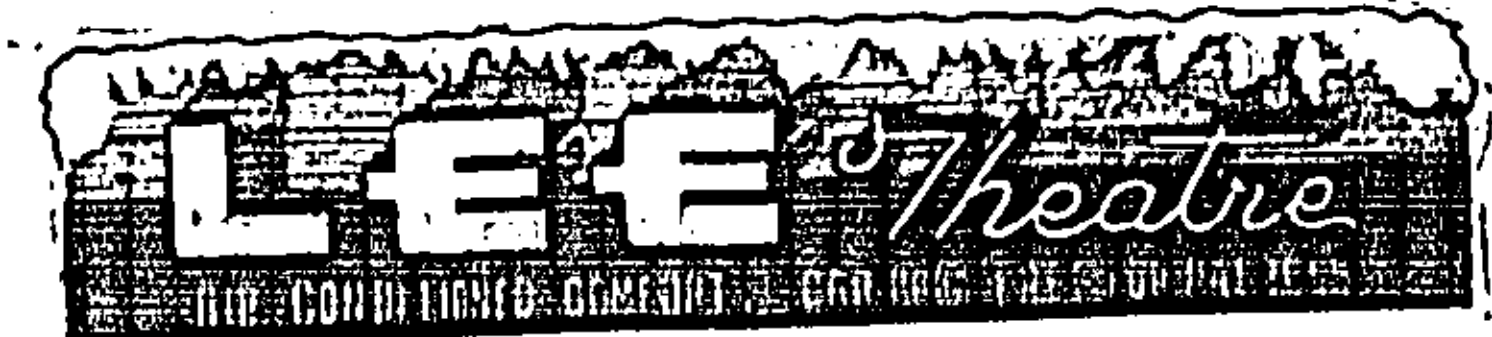
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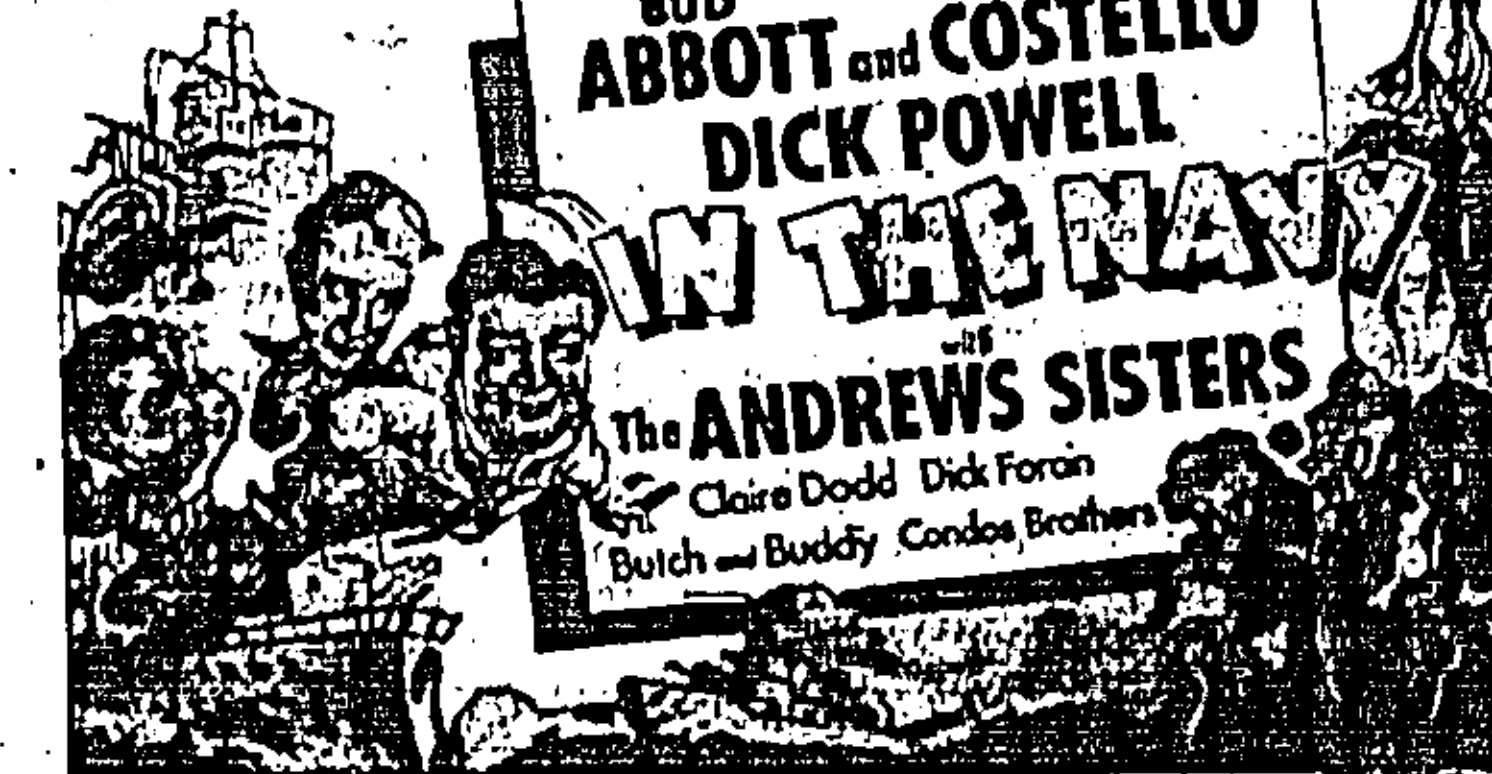
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BRITAIN'S ATOMIC TEST Blast Expected To Be Set Off Before Sunday



Dr. Werner Kirchert (left), a former Nazi concentration camp doctor, appears before the High Court in Munich with his solicitor Dr. F. Moser. He is accused of committing 14 murders at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp by using an air syringe.—Express Photo.

Sydney, Sept. 24. Scientists may be waiting only for more favourable weather before detonating Britain's secret atomic weapon on the lonely Monte Bello Islands off Western Australia, observers said today.

Speculation in some quarters was that the blast would come any time before Sunday.

The atomic weapon, other complicated equipment and a team of the biggest names in Commonwealth atomic and guided missile research have been surrounded by a secrecy barrier far tighter than that leading up to the American atom tests at Bikini in mid-Pacific.

The screening of the movement of naval vessels, together with the arrival at the Monte Bello of one high level scientist, suggested that zero hour is not far off.

Dr. W. G. Penney, who is playing a prominent role in the test project, arrived at the coastal town of Onslow on Sunday and headed for the islands, 44 miles distant, immediately.

Newsmen camping at Onslow as they wait for the blast identified Dr. Penney without question as a member of a party believed to include Dr. O. M. Solandt of Canada, one of the world's senior guided missile experts.

Meanwhile, five Australian warships and a British aircraft carrier joined a British fleet, enroute to bar unauthorised ships from the Monte Bello area. A watch also will be rigidly kept for alien submarines.

ROCKETS ARRIVE

The Australian aircraft carrier Sydney, the destroyer Tobruk and the Shalhaven, Murchison and Hawkesbury arrived at Darwin on Sunday to refuel. They weighed anchor shortly after and started the 1,000-mile voyage to the islands.

Newspaper reports on Monday said that a shipment of five-ton rockets was unloaded from the British freighter Chatter. It was believed the rockets were destined for the Woomera rocket range in Northern Australia. This report increased speculation that the tests may involve some rocket usage.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was reported a few days ago to have originated a defence plan emphasising jet bombers and guided missiles.

A United Press correspondent at Perth reported that security was so strict that interest in the impending blast was waning simply because of the lack of information. He contrasted the situation with that which preceded the Bikini experiments when a steady stream of advance stories based on concrete information developed right up until the time of the explosion.

The test has put the arid cattle country fronting the Monte Bello on the map and the scattered, rugged inhabitants reflect the situation in their humour.

On Tuesday, for example, a practical joker attached a fuse to a dummy naval mine, placed it on the doorway of a bar and scared a roomful of cattle drovers before the latter discovered that the mechanism was harmless.—United Press.

Finland's Deal With Russia

London, Sept. 24. The Soviet Minister for Foreign Trade, M. P. N. Kurykin, said in Helsinki last night that Finland would supply Russia with ships, prefabricated houses and timber in exchange for Russian grain, sugar and cotton. Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported today.

M. Kurykin was speaking at a banquet celebrating the completion of Finnish reparations to Russia and the signing of a trade agreement.—Reuter.

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Liberals Favoured To Win Coming Japanese Election

Tokyo, Sept. 24.

The Liberal Party will be returned to power in next Wednesday's Japanese elections, according to a public opinion poll conducted by the Mainichi newspapers.

The results of the nation-wide survey showed that 33 per cent of those questioned would vote for the Liberals compared to the 30 per cent aligned with all other parties combined.

Twenty-four per cent said that they had not yet made up their minds and 10 per cent failed to answer the poll or said that they would not vote.

The Mainichi poll showed that the Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, leader of the

Liberal Party, stood highest in popularity among Japanese voters although Ichiro Hatoyama, leader of the dissident faction of the Liberal Party, was close behind.

The Communist Party's newspaper, Akahata, published a call for unity with left-wing Socialists.

Neither the Communists nor left-wing Socialists are likely to make much headway in the coming battle for Diet seats but a coalition would present a solid body of left-wing influence in the capital.

SHORT OF FUNDS

Reports from campaign headquarters of various parties said that the candidates in the prefectural districts are running out of funds. Increasing numbers of telegrams are pouring in asking for more money to finance the final week of the fight.

The Liberals are planning a big spurge. The Party plans to hire three aircraft to scatter handbills over all the principal cities of Japan. They also intend publishing advertisements in many newspapers.

On Thursday, when Mr. Yoshida comes to Tokyo to speak, huge advertising balloons will be flown.

Political observers predicted that a split in the Liberal Party after the election would bring a major realignment in Japan's political set-up. There has been increasing bad feeling between the Yoshida and Hatoyama factions of the Party.—United Press.

Korea Casualties

Washington, Sept. 24. Announced U.S. battle casualties in Korea reached 118,569 today, an increase of 586 since last week.—Associated Press.

Ivy Kept On Special Diet

London, Sept. 24.

One of the most closely watched animals in the London Zoo now is the polar bear, Ivy.

Keepers are anxious that she gets to food of any kind from the public. There is a reason.

Ivy, mother of Brumas, is likely to have another cub in November and too much of the wrong kind of food could be fatal.

Keepers hope she will have a male cub—Brumas is a female—but she may well have twins.

Twins are common among polar bears.

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Strasbourg Calls For New Monetary Conference

CONCERN OVER CHECK TO EUROPE'S OUTPUT

Strasbourg, Sept. 24.

The 15-nation Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly today overwhelmingly called for a new international conference to consider what it called the "present monetary dilemma" in Europe.

It took this step by passing unanimously, except for one abstention, a long resolution in which the 132 members expressed concern at a recent check to the increase in European production.

They said they could not but believe that this check "is due to a number of causes among which figure the stricter financial policies pursued in certain member countries." These countries were not identified in the resolution.

Adoption of the resolution wound up a two-day debate on Europe's economic position in which many members expressed anxiety at the continuation of the dollar gap and called for increased production in Europe. During today's debate the rapporteur of the Economic Committee, Mr. Robert Boothby (British Conservative), said the most serious consequence of the Bretton Woods agreement was that it made impossible the bringing of international compact into contempt.

"We restrict imports, our currencies are not freely convertible, and we have devalued our currencies without consulting the International Fund," he said.

Two hours before the vote, Signor Giuseppe Pella, Italian Budget Minister, called the dollar gap the most urgent and important problem for Europe, but said there was no one solution.

He also contended that pessimism expressed in the Assembly about industrial production was unfounded as it was not production but only the rate of increase which had decreased.

WITH CONCERN

But the Assembly, echoing the view of many of its speakers, declared in its resolution that it "notes with concern that for the first time since 1947 the quarterly index of industrial production in O.E.E.C. countries (comprising most of Western Europe) has stopped increasing as compared with the previous year."

The Assembly declared itself "perturbed" that Europe was in danger of failing to reach its target of a 25 per cent expansion of production by 1956. The form of words "blaming" certain member countries was reached after a discussion in the committee. Signor Pella, whose speech today was his second to the Assembly this week, advocated the slogan "Trade is better than aid for helping Europe to close the dollar gap."

Signor Ferruccio Parri (Italy, Republican) said there were many reasons why the Council of Europe should be entrusted with the economy of Europe. In the framework of a possible commonwealth of European countries there could be a common link with Britain and her Commonwealth. He thought it would be possible to set up a European Commonwealth, adding: "That is truly the only road to a European future."

The Assembly adjourned until tomorrow, when members will discuss the Economic relations between Europe and overseas countries.

It is proposed to ask the British Commonwealth to negotiate a system of "secondary preferences" with Western European countries and their dependencies.—Reuter.

Rita Staying At Aly Khan Mansion

Paris, Sept. 24.

Film star Rita Hayworth today returned to Aly Khan's mansion on the Western outskirts of Paris, but her estranged husband was absent in his Riviera castle.

After landing at Le Havre today from the American liner, United States, Rita drove to Paris in one of her husband's cars, driven by his secretary.

As she entered the house, she refused to tell reporters whether she was planning to meet the Prince.

A member of Aly Khan's household at the Chateau de Horizon near Cannes said today that the Prince was planning to stay there for several weeks. "There is no question of Rita Hayworth coming to stay here," he added.—Reuter.

RAF's Attempt On Record

London, Sept. 24.

A Canberra jet bomber carrying the Air Officer Commanding Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, will attempt to break the London-Nairobi record next Sunday. The present record for the 4,470 miles journey is less than 11 hours.—Reuter.

A Princess In London



Princess Margaretha of Sweden, 17-year-old daughter of Prince Sibylla and the late Prince Gustav Adolf, and granddaughter of King Gustav Adolf, smiling rapidly on arrival in London recently. On a six-month visit, the Princess will study English.—Express Photo.

Mediator Admits Failure Of Efforts On Kashmir Issue

United Nations, Sept. 24.

Dr Frank Graham, United Nations representative for Kashmir, reported to the Security Council today that he had failed to effect an agreement between India and Pakistan on the demilitarisation of Kashmir.

The demilitarisation of the area, which has been in a state of truce since 1948, must precede the holding of a plebiscite to determine whether Kashmir should be incorporated in India or in Pakistan.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has been appointed plebiscite administrator, but has so far been unable to take up his duties.

Dr Graham, in a series of discussions in New York and Geneva with Indian and Pakistani representatives, examined two proposals—

1. To establish the number and character of the forces to be left on each side of the cease-fire line at the end of the period of demilitarisation. 2. To establish certain criteria for establishing definite figures on the basis of the functions and requirements on each side of the cease-fire line. He reported that no agreement had been reached by the two parties on either of these two approaches.

RIVAL VIEWS

The position of the two governments as stated during the conferences— India—forces required for internal and external security of Kashmir cannot be lower than 21,000 troops, not including the Kashmir State militia. On the Pakistan side, remaining forces should not exceed a civil armed force of 4,000 men.

Pakistan will accept Dr Graham's proposal to leave 18,000 Indian and State armed forces plus 6,000 State militia on the Indian side and 6,000 armed forces plus 3,500 Gilgit and Northern Scouts on the Pakistan side.

Dr Graham's report does not propose any definite action to be taken further. In his conclusions he merely places the basic problems of demilitarisation, as now narrowed down in discussion, squarely before the Security Council for their further consideration. After outlining the positions taken by the two Governments on the number and character of forces to remain in Kashmir after demilitarisation, Dr Graham reached the following conclusions:

FAILURE EVIDENT

1. "After two weeks of discussion it was evident that agreement could not be reached at this conference on any of the revised drafts presented for consideration. The positions of the two Governments on the main issues were that the contemplated examination of the resolutions of August 13, 1948, and January 5, 1949, resolution by resolution and paragraph by paragraph, did not appear to be a useful further line of approach."

2. "The possibility envisaged by the United Nations representative in his statement of July 16, 1952, of discussion of any further suggestions that the representatives of the two Governments wish to make did not arise during the conference and no alternative suggestions were made."

3. "The present positions of the two Governments are derived from their differing conception of their state in the State. This more than anything else is the origin of their different interpretation with regard to their commitments."

MEDIATOR'S PLAN

4. "Growing out of the basic difference in the interpretation of the two Governments regarding their status and commitments under the Kashmir Commission resolutions of August 13, 1948, and January 5, 1949, is their difference over the character and number of forces to be left on each side of the cease-fire line at the end of the period of demilitarisation."

5. "For the solution of this problem, the United Nations representative, after submitting brackets of figures within which discussion might proceed, later suggested to the parties in the Geneva conference definite figures."

6. "Alternatively he suggested criteria for establishing definite figures on the basis of the functions and requirements on each side of the cease-fire line."—Reuter.

Warning To Australia

Melbourne, Sept. 24.

Unless Australia shows more interest in its Antarctic territory, its claims there might not last very long, Mr P. G. Law, Director of the Australian Antarctic Division, warned here today.

Mentioning that no Australian expedition has landed in the Antarctic since 1931, Mr Law advocated a permanent scientific base in Australian Antarctic territory. Australian claims nearly half of the Antarctic regions, which are larger than Australia and the United States combined.

He said plans have been completed for a 2,000-ton steel research ship, adding that if the Australian Government will agree to establish an Antarctic station, a scientific party will be ready to leave within a year.—Reuter.

Kenya Editor Arrested

Nairobi, Sept. 24.

Paul Joseph Ngeli, 28-year-old Assistant Secretary-General of the Kenya African Union and editor of two vernacular papers, was arrested by police officers here today.

The warrant issued by the Magistrate alleged that Ngeli had interfered with a witness in recent proceedings against Jesse Kariuki, Trustee and Organiser of the Kenya African Union.

At the same time the police searched the house of Peter Gatabaki, described as President of the Independent Schools Association in the Kiluyu area near here. The police said documents were seized.—Reuter.

Field-Marshal Slim's Farewell Tour

Nottingham, Sept. 24.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Governor-General-designate of Australia, began a farewell tour of the Northern Command at Nottingham today.

The General gives up his post on November 1. He will sail for Australia early in the New Year.—Reuter.

World Food Problems Can Be Solved

Washington, Sept. 24.

Science believes that the world can continue to feed its constantly increasing population, even if it does increase to as much as 4,000 million by the end of this century.

Dr W. H. Sebrell, director of the United States National Institutes of Health, told the International Geographical Congress here that chemistry and agriculture technology, advancing side by side, would inevitably keep pace with the numerical growth of the human race.

He said that eradication of malaria—a step which he regarded as entirely possible—would increase food yields in all parts of the globe by making agricultural systems more productive.

Dr Theodore Schultz, of the University of Chicago's Department of Economics, told the same meeting that the United States, if called on, could in five years increase its food productivity by 20 per cent, or enough to feed from 50 to 100 million people.

Dr George Kuriyan, of the University of Madras, said that India was probably not yet making the best use of its farm land. In many instances, he said, tracts were either too large or too small to be efficient, and much land which could raise foodstuffs was at present devoted to commercial crops such as jute.

Other Congress speakers expressed the opinion that the increasing population would have to be fed on land already in use because there were "no longer empty areas worth developing."

But Dr Joao de Castro, of the University of Brazil, held that the highlands of the Amazon River country could be made vastly productive if settled by people capable of operating the simpler types of farm machinery.

The opinion of science was summed up by Mr Hamilton of the North American Regional Office, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

"On every hand, men of the intelligence are turning to the solution of the food problem," he said. "With so many brains at work, there can be no failure."—Reuter.

Eden's Austrian Mission

'Complete Accord' Reached

Vienna, Sept. 24.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the Austrian Ministers with whom he conferred today, found themselves "in complete accord in their efforts to achieve a treaty which will secure to Austria her freedom and her independence," a communique stated.

Mr Eden arrived by air yesterday from Yugoslavia for a five-day visit. His talks with the Austrian leaders began this morning.

Apart from the communique no official information was available on this morning's meeting between Mr Eden and the Austrian Ministers—the Federal Chancellor Dr Figl, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Schnerf, and the Foreign Minister, Dr Gruber. Unofficial sources stated, however, that in the treaty discussions nothing could be decided, as no answer had been received yet from the Russians and it was therefore not known whether the meeting of deputies would take place in London soon.

But various possibilities were discussed, and tentative lines of action agreed. Mr Eden was the guest of the Austrian Federal President, Dr Theodor Körner, at lunch today in the Hofburg.

TO REMAIN FIRM

The Austrian Government will remain "firm and uncompromising" towards the Soviet Union in the peace treaty talks, Dr Figl said.

At a banquet in honour of Mr Eden, he said: "We do not know whether the negotiations on the State treaty or the discussions about Austria which are expected to take place at UNO will bring us nearer to our goal of being finally free and sovereign."

"But however ardently we shall not change our stand, whatever the result of the forthcoming negotiations. We are convinced we can attain our goal only through a firm uncompromising attitude."

(Brazil and Mexico have both proposed that the Austrian treaty question be placed on the agenda for the forthcoming General Assembly meeting.) Dr Figl told Mr Eden: "Your presence in Vienna gives us a guarantee that you are in agreement with the attitude of the Austrian nation and its Government. It proves your readiness to help and stand by Austria in her fight for freedom."—Reuter.

Jap Dispute With Harbour Authorities

Tokyo, Sept. 24.

Japan decided today to negotiate with the Calcutta port authorities over demurrage fees levied against 24 Japanese vessels.

The Calcutta harbour authorities ordered the vessels to stay outside the port because of a rule limiting the number of ships inside the port at one time.

While waiting their turn to enter the harbour the Japanese ships ran up demurrage fees. The shippers refused to pay the fees since the vessels did not enter the harbour for unloading according to contract terms.

The Japanese Ministry of Transportation will ask the Calcutta harbour authorities to persuade shippers to regard out-of-port arrivals on the same basis as port arrivals.—United Press.

GERMAN CAR A THREAT

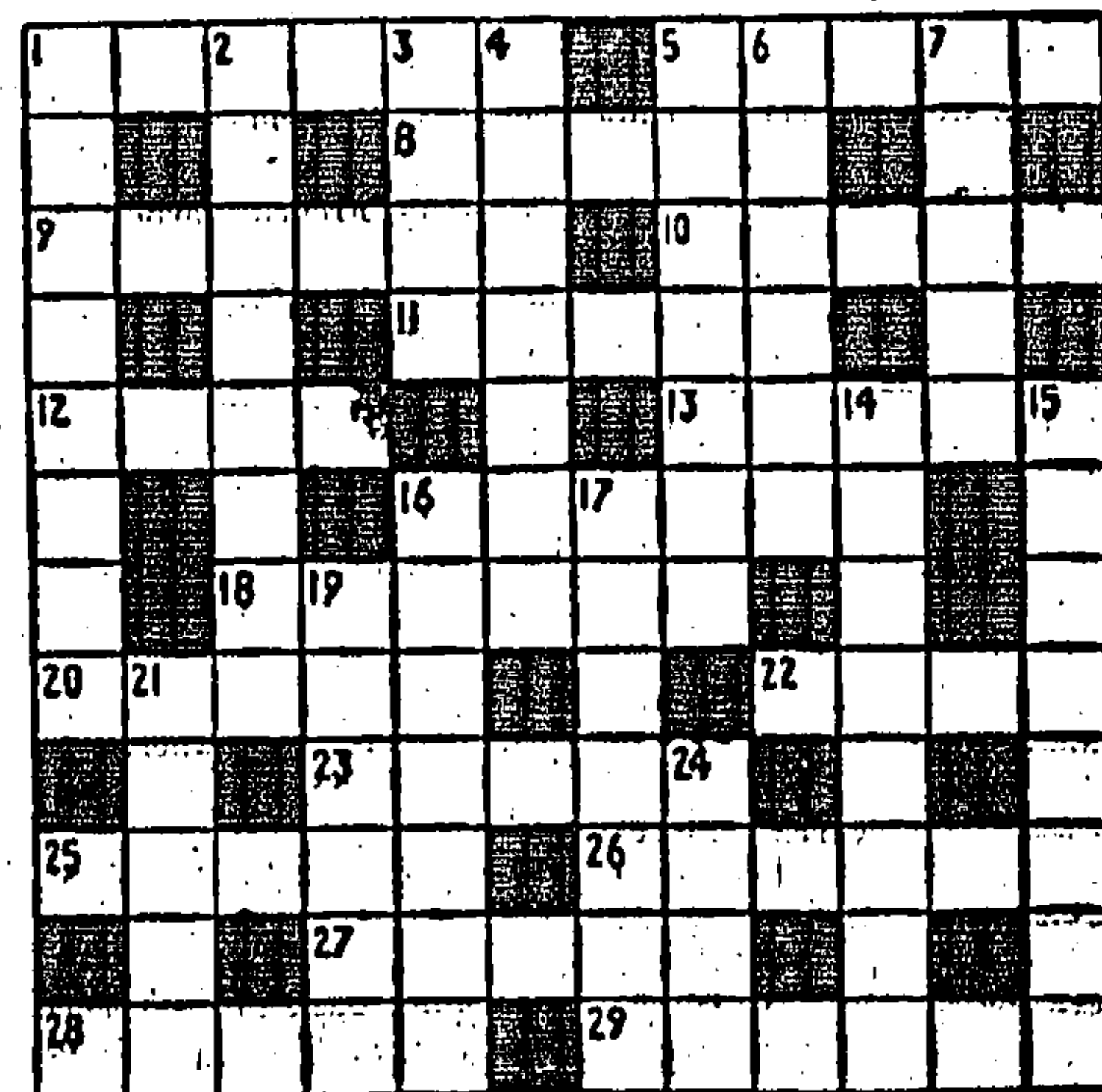
London, Sept. 24.

The Volkswagen—Germany's "People's Car"—may be produced in Canada and seriously threaten British cars in the Canadian market.

Mr Fred Bull, Canada's Minister of Trade and Commerce, said this at a London luncheon of the Engineering Industries Association today.

The Volkswagen, although paying a tariff of 15 per cent against British cars, is sold at about £517 against £668 for a comparable British make.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Spider's network (6).
- 2 Suppld (5).
- 3 Wicked spirit (5).
- 4 Not unusual (5).
- 5 Of first importance (5).
- 6 Ape (5).
- 7 Accustomed (4).
- 8 Unclean (5).
- 9 Worn-out (6).
- 10 Rubbed out (6).
- 11 Equestrian (5).
- 12 Break of day (4).
- 13 Very cross (5).
- 14 Stop (5).
- 15 Antiseptic (6).
- 16 Willow (6).
- 17 Slope (6).
- 18 Flick (6).

DOWN

- 1 User (6).
- 2 Exchanged (6).
- 3 Dutch cheese (4).
- 4 Creeds (7).
- 5 Split up (7).
- 6 Bring to light (6).
- 7 Ray of light (5).
- 8 Family member (8).
- 9 Most juvenile (6).
- 10 Serious (7).
- 11 Mollie (6).
- 12 Perfect (5).
- 13 Of old (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Pastor; 2 Abbot; 3 Mead; 4 Bluffs; 5 Litter; 6 Denude; 14 Beet; 15 Burns; 16 Scorn; 17 Eddy; 18 Account; 19 Swamp; 20 Ornate; 21 Part; 22 Sides; 23 Eastern; Down: 1 Peer; 2 Spud; 3 Onion; 4 Result; 5 Alleged; 6 Battery; 7 Tarnish; 8 Deter; 9 Aspire; 10 Bomber; 11 Encamps; 12 Adorn; 13 Begone; 14 Glee; 15 Pave; 16 Brown.

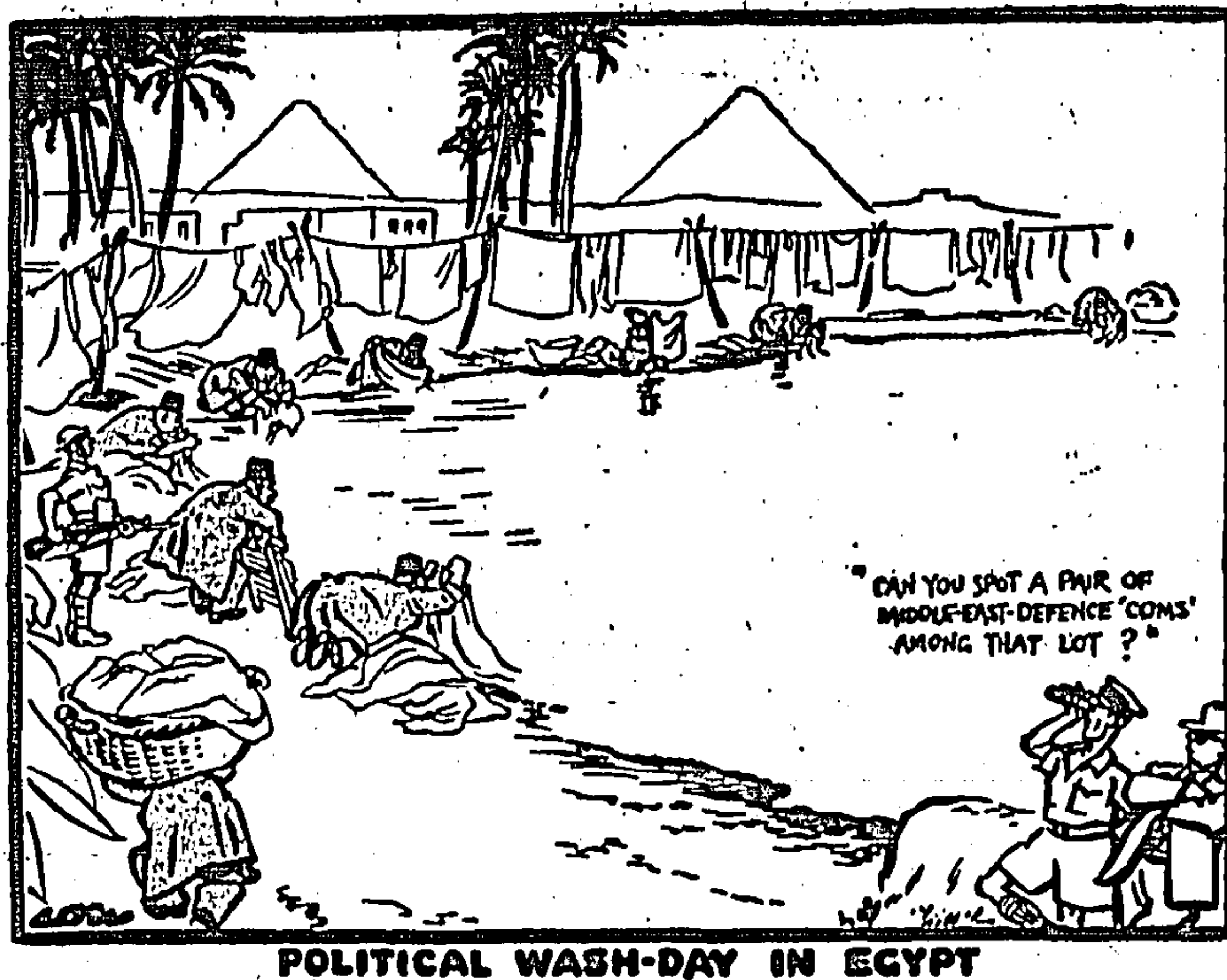
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Mr. HUROK cashes in on Culture

LONDON.
SALOMON ("Sol") HUROK paces his suite at the Savoy waiting for calls and cables from Milan, Copenhagen, Paris, Brussels. In all these cities, as well as in London, he is booking or planning American tours for hand-picked singers, dancers, fiddlers, pianists, complete opera companies, entire ballet troupes.

He has been doing this sort of thing with some profit for 40 years. Since the late twenties his gross box office takings have risen, he says, from £720,000 to £1,800,000 a year. He has three or four hundred artists on contract either as individuals or in groups. His four sopranos alone—Marian Anderson, the coloured contralto, Artur Schnabel, the pianist, Jan Peerce, the tenor, and Patrice Munsel, soprano—between them bring in nearly £200,000 a season.

Black patches

WHEN Hurok landed in New York as a 13-year-old from the Ukraine with his goosefeather pillow under his arm, he had three rubles in his pocket. The money-changer gave him a dollar and ten pence, Sixth Avenue.

Ten years later he was offering Tetrastini, Ysaye and Schumann-Helak, among other musical eminences, to popular Sunday night crowds in the immense Hippodrome auditorium, Sixth Avenue.

Since then there have been two black patches. In 1921 and 1922, when he toured Russian and Italian opera companies in adverse circumstances, thousands enthusiastically stayed away. On these two ventures he dropped 350,000 dollars. "But I didn't worry. I went on being happy and jolly."

This I can well believe. Hurok has an exceptional talent for tranquillity. His pink, senatorial profile is as smooth as a touched-up photograph: no wrinkle of care.

Quickly recovering from a brief bout of insolvency, he re-established himself as "The Man Who Makes Culture Pay." Hurok pauses occasionally and bites off a bit of Culture for himself. He tends to do this absent-mindedly.

When the dancers of the Sadler's Wells ballet came back from their last American tour (another is now in negotiation for 1953) they cooed with abandon about the marvellous, but marvellous, old paintings they had seen in the Hurok apartment, Central Park West. I ask Hurok to tell me more about his collection.

Well, he says, some of the paintings are Italian, some French, some Russian. "No, he can't remember the painters' names. But one thing is sure—they are all of them classics."

Crossing the Atlantic last June for the 43rd time in seven years, he settled down for a long read in his lower-deck berth aboard a BOAC Monarch. Detective novels he spurns, although he believes they are good things for making you sleep. His normal choice, he says, ranges from economics through politics to "classics" in Russian, French and English. Again the classics are unspiced.

Violin, trumpet

ABOUT music he is more precise. When I mention Rubinstein's playing of the Petroushka transcriptions, or Chakravala's singing of Boris, his face lights up as though I have touched a switch. He tells me, or tries to tell me, of all that Mozart, Verdi, Puccini,

by CHARLES REID

Wagner, Richard Strauss and Massenet have meant to him. Hurok plays the accordion and balalaika and plays them badly. As a child he went for lessons first on the violin, then as a last-ditch measure, on the trumpet. He was so useless at both that the teacher refused to take his money. "But," says Hurok in his distinctive English, "I have an ear. I will know always when there is a false note played. If I would have learned to play an instrument I should be in the position today of working in the pit of an orchestra somewhere at 70 dollars a week. An impresario mustn't learn what is bad for him. But once in a while back-stage, if I see a good violin I touch it."

"And try to play it?"

"No, it is enough to touch. It feels good."

OK with Pavlova

DENIED the violin, Hurok plays instead, with considerable mastery, on the instruments of publicity. He does so prandishly at times.

In the middle twenties he put out a story, widely taken up by the American papers, that Pavlova had been secretly married for 17 years. When I challenge him about this fiction, Hurok agrees that Pavlova was good box-office. "But always you want something new in the publicity line. We thought the story would help business. And it did. We publicly hounded you know, we do certain things sometimes that

SOL HUROK
... all from three rubles.

are not strictly etiquette." How did Pavlova take it? "Anything I did was OK to Pavlova." Hurok will be 60 in April. He is glossy bald, has white patches over the ears, does not feel a day over 20.

His first marriage was dissolved. Emma Bunich, whom he married in 1930, graduated at the St. Petersburg musical conservatory in Tzarist days and fled Russia when the revolution came.

In those years Hurok was something of a radical. He ran concerts for strike and trade union political funds. Today he defines himself as an independent voter without party, fervently anti-Communist, not a Radical, but a Progressive. "I believe," he says, "in the right of the common man to a good share in all the good things of life."

The commissars

ANOTHER thing he believed in until soon after the war was S. Hurok's ability to wheedle Soviet dancers out of Russia for Western tours. He wrangled and pleaded with commissars and collectives until all were blue in the face.

Looking back, he says: "I would not want to bring Russian dancers over now even if I had the chance. Russian artists are isolated. Russian artists haven't travelled anywhere. In Moscow they try to run ballet as it was run 50 years ago. Give me Fonteyne. Give me Shostakovich. We can get along without the Soviets very well."

My bet, all the same, is that if an East-West entente were announced tonight, S. Hurok would arrange to import Soviet ballerinas before tomorrow's dawn. After all, S. Hurok cannot help being S. Hurok.

DON IDDON'S DIARY CHARLIE CHAPLIN COMES BACK IN TRIUMPH BUT GETS THE COLD SHOULDER

NEW YORK.
THERE were times during the showing of Chaplain's latest and perhaps last film, "Limelight," when it seemed that his comic genius had dimmed.

The beginning of the picture is laborious and lagging, but suddenly, after three-quarters of an hour of rather hackneyed and forced scenes, the master shows his craft.

People who had been squirming uncomfortably in their seats during the film's first sequences sat rigid with attention and tension as the film unfolded. Women cried openly at the dramatic ending.

This isn't Chaplin's greatest picture, but it's superior to some of his films—certainly, I think, to "Modern Times" and "Monsieur Verdoux." It falls short of "City Lights" and "Gold Rush."

It is unfortunate that New Yorkers and New York as a whole have given Chaplin the cold shoulder. There's scarcely a line in any New York newspaper about the two showings of "Limelight." There's not a picture anywhere of Chaplin or his wife, Oona, arriving at the theatre or leaving. There are no photographs of celebrities attending the opening.

Made for London

IT'S the custom here not to print reviews of pictures until after the formal premiere, but it's not the custom to give a great artist the brush-off. New York has given Chaplin that. No newspaper or magazine has published a single story about him or his film.

If Chaplin is hurt by all this, he gives no sign. The important opening, in his opinion, is the premiere in London. He made this picture for London and the world. In a sense it is his salute to the English Music Hall, from which he sprang.

He plays the part of Calvero, fading British comedian who has taken to drink. Calvero, the de-cayed clown, rescues the young ballet dancer Terry, played by Claire Bloom, from suicide, and helps her to succeed.

When Calvero is down and out, unwanted, and not able even to get a minor job at a few pounds a week he tries to soothe his wounded pride, stop him drinking, and restore his confidence.

Simple story

THE story could hardly be simpler. There are no twists in the plot and no surprises. But it's Chaplin's special gift to portray the basic human emotions of love and fear, cupidity and compassion. He succeeds in this as he always has done.

Only a very great comedian can have his audience on the thin balance between laughter and tears. "Limelight" proves that Chaplin still possesses this gift in abundance.

Claire Bloom is perhaps the most successful of Chaplin's leading ladies, and I include Paulette Goddard. Her part is long and strenuous. There are times when Chaplin so dominates the screen that you forget Miss Bloom, but these are infrequent. It wouldn't be too much to say that she shines almost as brightly as he.

The man who once said he would never need to talk in his

pictures (and he was right) talks possibly too much in this film. Also, he sings in his peculiar rather high falsetto voice. But these are minor criticisms. Chaplin himself has set such high standards as a comic genius that the slightest falling off becomes almost damning. But he is still supreme.

He makes the modern funny-men such as Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Groucho Marx, and even the gifted clown Danny Kaye appear uninspired and even pedestrian. Chaplin is still King Charles.

Exhibition is late

THE British Alhambra Exhibition has not opened on time here and appears unlikely ever to open, but the Israel Exposition has rung up its curtain and is now ringing the cash-register.

Crowds four abreast lined 48th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues for the grand opening of the First Israel Exposition at Rockefeller Plaza, the heart of New York's rich shopping area. During three days 100,000 people visited the Israel Exposition, which will probably remain open indefinitely, doing permanent business.

What a contrast between what we have not done and what the Israelis have done and are doing. There are whole-page advertisements in the newspapers here showing the queues outside the Israel shop-front which is decorated with the Stars of David, and the headline says: "They could not believe their eyes."

I certainly could not believe mine. I had the second week in September marked down for a tour of the British Isles—30 or more booths displaying British goods. There is not one booth.

There are no signs. The whole project is foundering, although there is some vague talk of opening "before Christmas."

Which Christmas? 1952? Mr T. H. Chamberlain, who conceived the idea of the British Isles, says he could not get the space, or the steel, or the co-operation, but meanwhile he is still trying.

Take the space, the steel, the goods, the co-operation, and now is getting the money. Apparently we are relying on "high-level trade and financial discussions with the new United States Administration early in 1953."

I hope we are not coming to try to arrange another loan, credit, or straight gift. There has been enough humiliation along those lines.

Here some of the best brains in American business and politics have tried to help us to help ourselves. The International Latex Corporation is spending tens of thousands of its own dollars as a public service, urging prompt American acceptance of Mr Peter Thomeycroft's appeal for "trade, not aid."

The Latex Corporation has embarked upon a radio and newspaper campaign which doesn't even mention its own goods, but says over and over again in columns of expensive advertising space: "We could well afford to increase our imports—lower restrictions and duties on imports, buy from our friends, not beggar ourselves and them by subsidising them in lieu of trading sufficiently with them."

Other big American firms plan to follow the Latex lead.

Tired candidates

THE week has been full of political drama, and I am beginning to wonder just how long the chief actors can stand the pace. Both General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson are driving themselves recklessly, straining their physical and mental resources to the limit.

Eisenhower is running himself ragged. Look at the pictures of him today and then at the photographs of him when he returned from Europe.

Look at the pictures of Stevenson (soon due in New England after a hectic swing on the Pacific coast) before the conventions and those taken during the past.

Two terribly tired men are dragging themselves from one end of the country to the other, talking, gestulating, walking the platform plank, and utterly exhausting themselves.

It is all so unnecessary in this day of the nation-wide radio network, the television chain, and the newswire screen.

Pageant of America

IN New York "I am an American" Day has just been observed. One hundred thousand Americans including 22,000 newly naturalised citizens, flocked into Central Park carrying the Stars and Stripes and their heads high. Some had posters, "I am proud to be an American."

It was a pageant as well as an observance. Five concert singers, 18 crooners, two orchestras, ten comedians, a dozen actors and actresses, and the police and fire department glue clubs participated in the programme.

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

THE COMRADES RAP THEIR OLD FIGHTER

Paris.

NOVELIST Ernest Hemingway should be in Paris now to write what may be the last chapter in the political life of a man on whom he conferred an unenviable immortality in one of his best known novels.

The man—66-year-old, dour-jawed Andre Marty, whose savage bigotry as a political commissar in the Spanish Civil war is described with reportorial exactness in Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Marty has now been removed from the four-man committee which rules the French Communist Party after being accused of "crimes" which, had he been a Russian Communist, would undoubtedly have earned him a traitor's trial and a firing squad.

His most serious offence, according to a party communiqué, is to have conspired against the party leadership with another demoted comrade, 55-year-old wartime resistance leader, Charles Tillon. Tillon, in his turn, is accused of making reflections on the differences between these Communists who took part in the wartime resistance and those like the party leader, Maurice Thorez, who spent the war in safe exile in Moscow.

Politically both men are accused of "left-wing organisation"—meaning, in effect, that they are being held responsible for the divergent brought on the party by the

organised hooliganism of last May's anti-Ridway riots in Paris and the subsequent humiliating failure of the party's general strike appeal.

Three things are clear from the present crisis: 1. The French Party and International Communism are preparing for a major policy switch. The old Popular Front policy will be resurrected and energetically pursued when Thorez returns shortly from his two-year "conscience" in Russia with the latest infallible instructions.

2. Comrades Marty and Tillon stand on the edge of expulsion from the party. "This," said a perspicacious member of the central committee, "is how Tillon became a traitor."

3. This is the beginning of a major purge inside the party. Tillon is a popular resistance hero; Marty has a lifetime of revolutionary service behind him, dating back to his leadership of the French naval mutiny in 1919. Both men have followers in the lower echelon of the party.

POODLES FOR EXPORT
A NEW and expanding French export industry: French poodles. Costing about £20 in France, they can be sold in the USA and South America for three times as much.

A French wine producer's slogan, "A day without wine is like a day without sunshine," was amended at the Paris anti-alcoholic congress with the added words: "But beware of sunstroke."

KITCHEN FRONT
A NEW kitchen gadget called the "Artiscope" is on sale in Paris. Looking like a mousetrap and equipped with housewives to see if an egg is more than three weeks old.

Cost: 22s.

OILTANK TOWN WILL GROW IN THE BUSH

From JOHN REDFERN

Nairobi.
KENYA is to have a new oil refinery. It will cost £50,000,000 and produce 6,000,000 tons a year.

To house the storage tanks and workers, a new town will be built where today there are palm trees, scrub, swamps, coral, fishermen's huts, and a few solid houses put up for holiday-makers.

This site is on the mainland south of the Likoni ferry to the island of Mombasa. Kenya was surprised by the announcement of the new refinery. The surprise was arranged for in preparations for the new town.

Six months ago, when the big oil companies were looking round for new refinery sites, one company chose Aden.

"Why don't you come to East Africa?" said Mr Arthur Hope-Jones, in charge of Kenya's commerce and industry. "Soon after that Shell sent a man to explore sites. On his advice the oil company almost

made up its mind. But two things had to be fixed: plenty of water; no land potholing.

Kenya officials speeded the planning of a 150-mile pipeline from Mzima Springs, a hippo drinking point, to Mombasa town and port. This has reached the stage of advertising for tenders.

At the same time, secrecy descended on the tank town talks. The purpose was to stop site values from jumping.

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Quietly, arrangements were made for the Kenya Government to secure the necessary land—about 3½ square miles—under its Land Acquisition Acts, which prevent anyone holding out for exaggerated prices.

Land values are now "frozen" and collectors will be appointed to control payments.

Publication of the land acquisitions in the official Gazette broke the secret—and meant that the project was firm.

Sikh artisans. More Africans will be brought in to build roads, staff houses, guest houses, canteens, and clubs.

Cement made from coral will be their material.

Mr H.L. Adams, secretary for commerce and industry, told me: "This is the biggest thing that has happened to us industrially."

"Apart from the essential safeguarding of oil supplies, a large amount of the investment will come back to us in Kenya. There will be a new demand for our products, and increased local spending."

The Kenya Government is anxious to balance the Colony's agricultural development with an industrial counterweight. Up to now the largest industrial unit has been a soda works employing 1,500 Africans.

Mombasa has seen a lot. For centuries Arab dhows took slaves through its port. Now oil brings new and welcome traffic to hearten the people, who for months have been preoccupied with lawlessness and agitation.

FOOTNOTE: Mzima, the name of the water scheme, is the Swahili word for "healthy."



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THIS COULD BE EAST MIDLANDS' YEAR AGAIN FOR THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Midlands, Rugby Union County Champions in 1951 and runners-up the previous year, are confidently expected to make a very strong bid to regain the title this season.

They derive their main strength from the Northampton and Bedford clubs, which appear particularly well-equipped in all departments of the game. Northampton, who can always be relied upon to produce tough and hard scrummaging forwards, showed a decline in finishing power outside the pack last season when they lost fourteen matches.

There should be no danger of this being repeated, and in fact, they have such an abundance of talent that it will rather be a question of when to omit this time when all their stars are available.

They have made a dazzling start with a 21-nil victory over Headingly at Kirkstall, and then, although fielding a much weaker XV, overcame the lively London Irish 12-6.

The Saints have three Internationalists and two England Trialists for the four quarter positions. The latest recruit is the Oxford Blue and Scottish International I.D.F. Coulls, who is now a master at Oundle.

John Hyde, who was only 18 when capped by England in 1950, is back on the left wing and has proved, he has lost neither speed nor baffling sidestep.

N. Bailey, the other winger, is recovering from an ear operation but will be in action

in October, while L. B. Cannell (England) is touring Japan with Oxford University at the moment.

Their brightest star, however, is John Butterfield, who was certainly the most promising centre in England last winter and will be unlucky not to get a cap this time. He has already struck a splendid understanding with Hyde, and the pair are combining beautifully to produce copybook tries.

Another Saint who should be in the running for honours is their new scrum-half, R. E. G. Jepps. Though little has been seen of him in first-class rugby so far, he has turned out for Eastern Counties, and we are going to hear a good deal about him in the coming months. He is a neat, lively, plucky and skilful little player.

The pack, which shows no changes from last season, is led once again by that experienced

and very fast England wing-forward Don White, and includes two other Internationalists, hooker T. Smith and M. J. Berridge, and those broad-shouldered stalwarts, C. R. Jacobs and J. H. Whitting.

STRONG ATTACK

Bedford, too, although they lost their opening game at Leicester, are confident of great things. While they have lost two useful forwards in G. Jenkins, who has retired, and E. Evans, now in Kenya, their line back division has been further strengthened by the reappearance of England winger Leo Oakley, who missed last season owing to a troublesome ankle injury, and full-back Bill Rose, an England Trialist, who was also in the wars.

With another Internationalist in centre Alan Towell, and that brilliant half-back combination of Ted Haynes and F. M. Fletcher together again for the sixth successive year, they are going to test the very strongest defences.

J. F. Bance, second-row forward and line-out expert, is skipper again, and his forwards include Peter Collingridge (RAF), who is so fast that he is equally at home as a wing three-quarter, and two Cambridge men, T. R. Marshall and M. J. Massey. Like Northampton, they ran up 21 points against Headingly.

Coventry, who provide Warwickshire with the bulk of their players, won their first twelve games last season and ten of their last eleven, and have started well enough with an 18-nil success over Moseley at the Reddings.

But they are faced with the difficult problem of finding adequate substitutes for three great players who have retired—Lorv Preece and Nigel Stock, the halves, and Harry Walker, an irreplaceable forward who played nine times for England.

The scrum, at least, should again be formidable, with notable additions in R. C. C. Thomas (Swansea) and J. Simpson (Army), but the wide experience and kicking of Preece and Stock will be missed. They are experimenting with E. N. Hewitt, a former England full-back, and L. D. Ashcroft, who played at inside-half for Oxford University on occasions.

Leicester, last of the Midlands "Big Four," look at last like justifying all the high hopes we have been placing in them for the past three years. They have got off to a start with a notable double over Bedford and Bath, and their back play has already reached a very high standard.

I wondered how they would fare without that outstanding scrum-half W. K. T. Moore, but have found a most promising recruit in K. D. Jones, of Abernethy and Loughborough College, and G. Cullen and Lawrence have shown dazzling form in the three.

Jan Botting, the New Zealand cr who won his Blue at Oxford and a cap for England, is available again, and K. R. M. McDonald (Royal Air Force), a centre, and J. M. Jenkins, last year's Cambridge captain, have joined the club.

London, Sept. 24. Results of rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

YORKSHIRE CUP (Second Round)

Hull 4 Doncaster 3

Fotherstone 14 Kingston 4

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SCOTTISH SPORTS SUMMARY

By "MAC"

Mr Peter Muir is the new Chairman of the Scottish Council of the Boxing Board of Control. He was elected at a meeting of the Council in Glasgow. Dr Patrick Cassidy was appointed medical officer to the Council at the same time. He succeeds Dr T. H. Crawford Barclay who has just left for Canada.

Kathleen McNeil, 36-year-old Greenock solicitor, brought off the golfing surprise of the year when she defeated British Champion Moira Paterson 2 and 1 in the final of the West of Scotland Women's Golf Championship at East Renfrewshire.

Kathleen, who plays off a handicap of four, was one down with five to play but captured the next three holes for a great win.

The Gordon Smith benefit match at Easter Road between the Hibernian and Manchester United, respectively Scottish and English Champions, was voted one of the greatest games ever seen north of the border.

Hibernian won by seven goals to three. Goal scorers for Hibs were Turnbull (3), Ormond Smith and Reilly (2) and for United Rowley and Pearson (2).

Before high-jumper Alan Paterson left for Canada a fortnight ago he presented his club, Victoria Park AAC with a cup to be awarded annually for the best performance in the field events. First winners are, appropriately, two high jumpers SAAA Junior Champion Graeme Turner and R. W. B. Weidman, Scottish Army Cadet Champion. They will be joint holders.

John Pantou, Scottish-born Ryder Cup player, has established a new record for the Lenzie course with an economical 65. He was playing in an exhibition match. His figures were 4 4 4 3 4 3 4 3=33, 4 4 3 3 4 4 3=32.

—(London Express Service.)

Major League Baseball

New York, Sept. 24.

The New York Yankees eked out a 3-2 American League victory over the Boston Red Sox today in the first game of a doubleheader.

Mickey Mantle's triple in the 10th scored Irv Noren with a tie-breaking run.

Boston manager Lou Boudreau protested against the result after Don DiMaggio was called out in overrunning the first base in the sixth inning.

The victory increased the Yankees' American League lead to two games.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, who have already won the National League pennant, today lost to the Philadelphia Phillies 7-9.

Today's baseball scores:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 3 Boston 2

Cleveland 6 Chicago 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn 7 Philadelphia 9

—Associated Press.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 38. Orders by Lieut. Colonel C. P. Vaughan, DSO, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, September 23, 1952.

Force Orders
Holidays. R.H.K.D.F. Headquarters, Happy Valley, will be closed on Friday, October 3, 1952.

Force Headquarters
Depot Training. Squad No. 16 & 17. Tuesday, September 30, 1952. Parade. R.H.K.D.F. Headquarters, Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Boots, Beret, Anklets, Web Belt, Bayonet, Frog.

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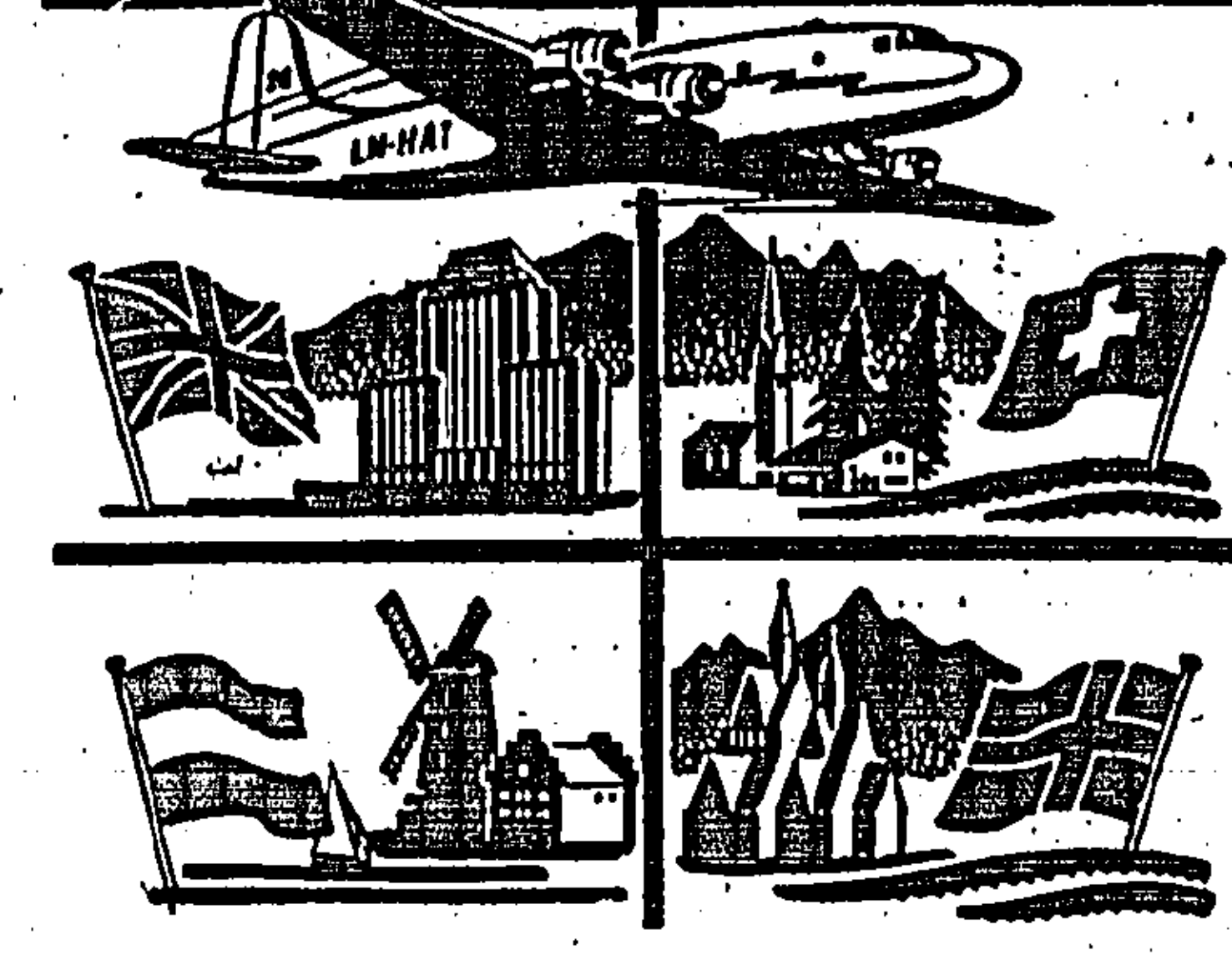
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

FIRST RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 27th September, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There are 10 races. The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep.

The Special Cash Sweep, which will be run on 11th October, 1952, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Telephone House, 1st Floor.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 26th September, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure, and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies and gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office is situated at Telephone House, 1st Floor, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffls will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27616).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

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SAILINGS TO		
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"HUPH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 20th Sept.
"FUNGING"	Singapore, Penang & Malacca	3 p.m. 20th Sept.
"FOOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 27th Sept.
"SHANSI"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 20th Sept.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 20th Sept.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 1st Oct.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 2nd Oct.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 8th Oct.
"FENGTEH"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	10 a.m. 9th Oct.
"PAKHIO"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 9th Oct.
"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 13th Oct.
"SOOCHOW"	Singapore, Penang & Malacca	10 a.m. 13th Oct.

ARRIVALS FROM		
"SHANSI"	Bangkok	7 a.m. 20th Sept.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	7 a.m. 20th Sept.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 30th Sept.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	6th Oct.
"FENGTEH"	Kobe	6th Oct.
"PAKHIO"	Bangkok	10th Oct.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	10th Oct.

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SAILINGS TO		
"ANKING"	Japan	4th Oct.
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne	7th Oct.
"TAIPING"	Sydney & Melbourne	8th Oct.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"ANKING"	Australia & Manila	1st Oct.
"CHANGTE"	Kobe	6th Oct.
"TAIPING"	Kobe	6th Oct.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE		
Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said		
"AGAFENOR"	Liverpool & Dublin	25th Sept.
"CALOHA"	G. en a, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hamburg	29th Sept.
"PYRRIUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Oct.
"ATREUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	23rd Oct.
"PELEUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Oct.
"BELLEROPHON"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Nov.
Scheduled Sailings from Europe		
G. "ATREUS"	Liverpool	1st Oct.
S. "BELLEROPHON"	do	10th Oct.
G. "PELEUS"	do	10th Oct.
S. "ALCINOUS"	do	24th Oct.
G. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	31st Oct.
S. "AUTOLICUS"	5th Oct.	10th Nov.
G. "PATROCLOS"	12th Oct.	17th Nov.
S. "ANCHISE"	18th Oct.	23rd Nov.
G. Loading Glasgow, before Liverpool.		
S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool.		
Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load & discharge cargo.		

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"AGAMEMNON"	29th Sept.	
"DONA AURORA"	24th Oct.	
SAILING FOR KINGSTON, NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES & CRISTOBAL.		
"ANDAMAN"	6th Oct.	
"HAINAN"	21st Oct.	
"AGAMEMNON"	5th Nov.	

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HK/Haiphong (DC-3)	6.45 a.m. Thurs. 4.15 p.m. Tues.	
HK/Saigon/Singapore (DC-4)	10.45 a.m. Tues. 6.45 p.m. Wed.	
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"BENLID"	U.K. via Singapore	30th Sept.
"BENALDER"	Japan	on or abt. 2nd Oct.
"BENLAVERS"	U.K.	21st Oct.
"BENCLEUCH"	Japan	28th Oct.
"BENMACDHUI"	Japan	9th Nov.
SAILINGS		
		Loading on or abt.
"BENCLEUCH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	27th Sept.
"BENALDER"	Direct to Singapore, thence to Hong Kong, Liverpool, Glasgow, Hamburg and Hull	3rd Oct.
"BENLID"	Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam and Antwerp	4th Oct.
"BENLAVERS"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	25th Oct.
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JENSEN & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1952.

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EXERCISE MAINBRACE WINDING UP

H.M.S. Eagle, Sept. 24.

The Atlantic Fleet striking fleet refuelled from tankers in driving rain off the south Norwegian coast today, as their last operation together in the 13-day eight-nation exercise Mainbrace.

Tomorrow H.M.S. Eagle, Britain's newest aircraft carrier, the United States battleship Wisconsin and other leading units of the NATO navies, will arrive at Oslo where the top commanders of the West are meeting on Sunday for an assessment conference on the exercise.

The remainder of the fleet are now dispersing, some vessels returning to their home bases, others paying courtesy visits to Scandinavian and other European ports.

Some 250 high-ranking NATO officers are expected to attend the assessment conference which will take place on HMS Eagle's enclosed hangar deck.

Among them will be NATO's Supreme Atlantic Commander, Admiral Lynde McCormick, and possibly also the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, General Matthew Ridgway.

Exercise Mainbrace was the first joint land, sea and air operation linking these two overall commands.

It was primarily designed to test all ranks of the command in units from several Allied armies operating as one force.

The exercise has posed many problems which commanding officers of NATO naval and ground forces will now discuss in Oslo. — Reuter.

Adm. Clifford's Functions

London, Sept. 24.

The Admiralty announced today that Rear-Admiral Eric G. A. Clifford has been appointed Second-in-Command of the Far Eastern Station and will exercise operational control of Commonwealth naval forces engaged in the Korean War.

He will succeed Rear-Admiral A. R. Scott-Moncrieff.

Rear-Admiral Clifford will also command the 5th Cruiser Squadron. — Reuter.

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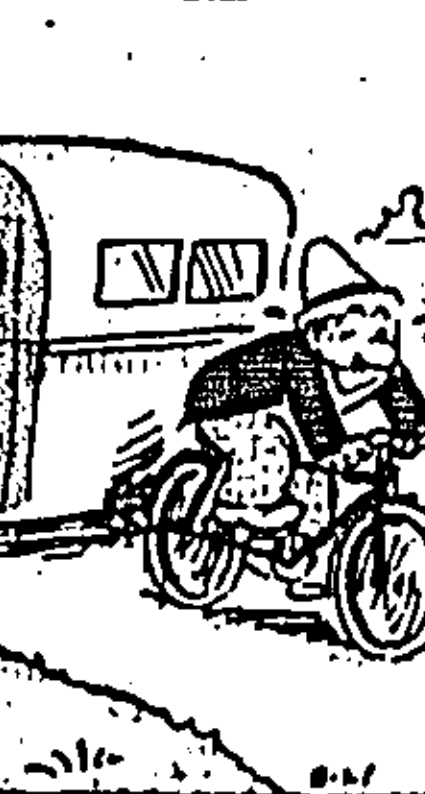
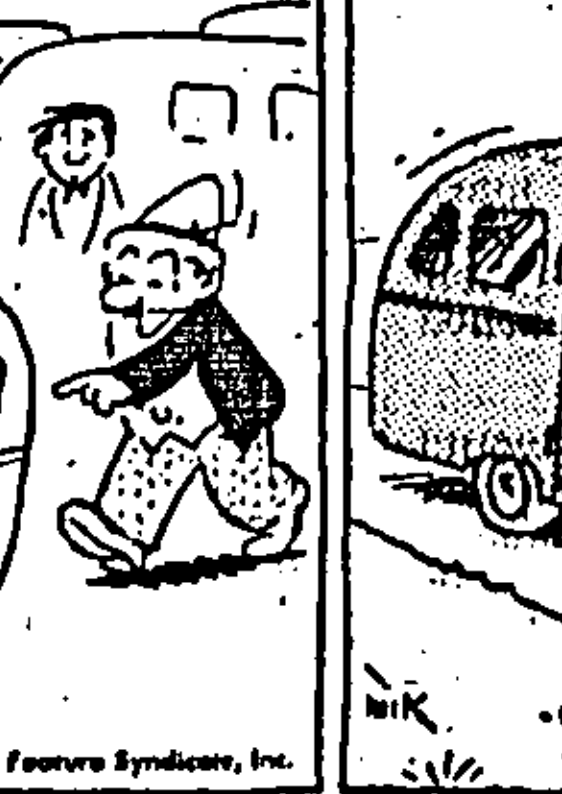
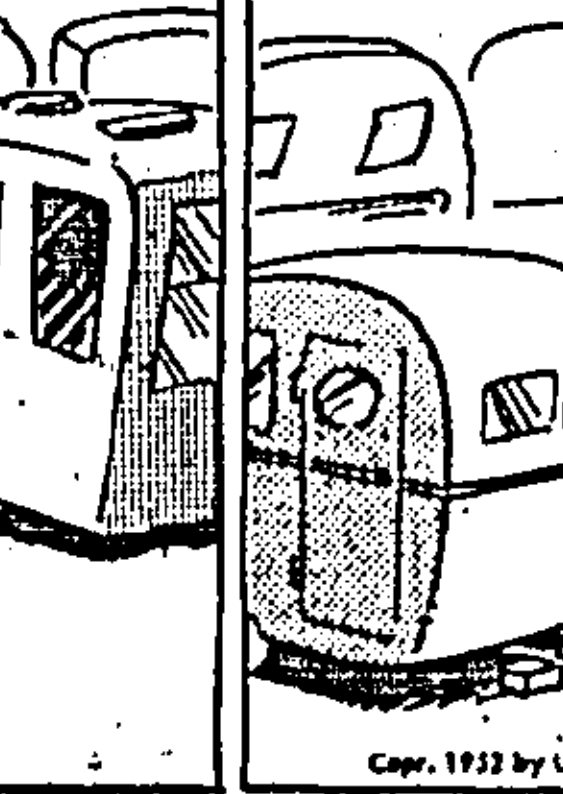
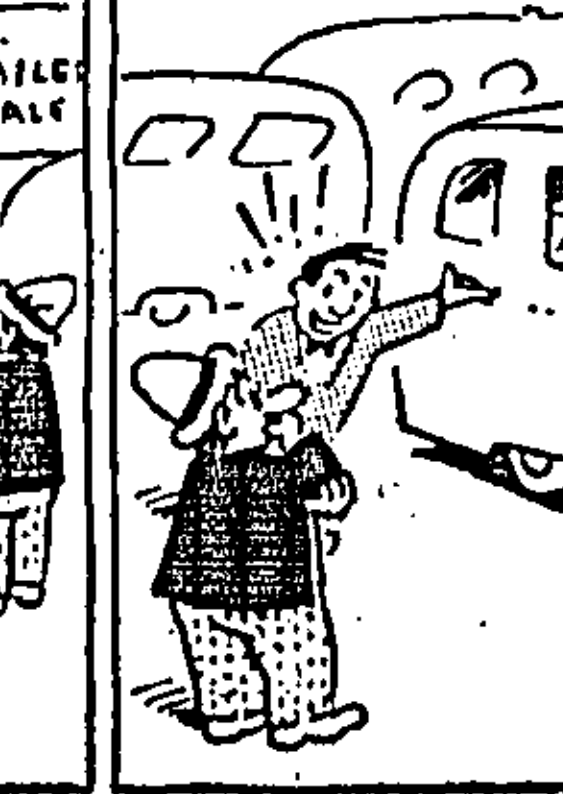
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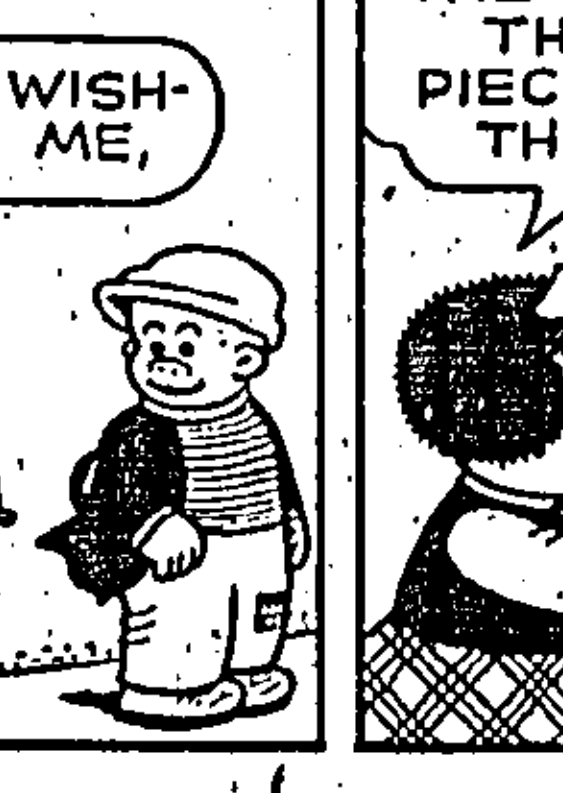
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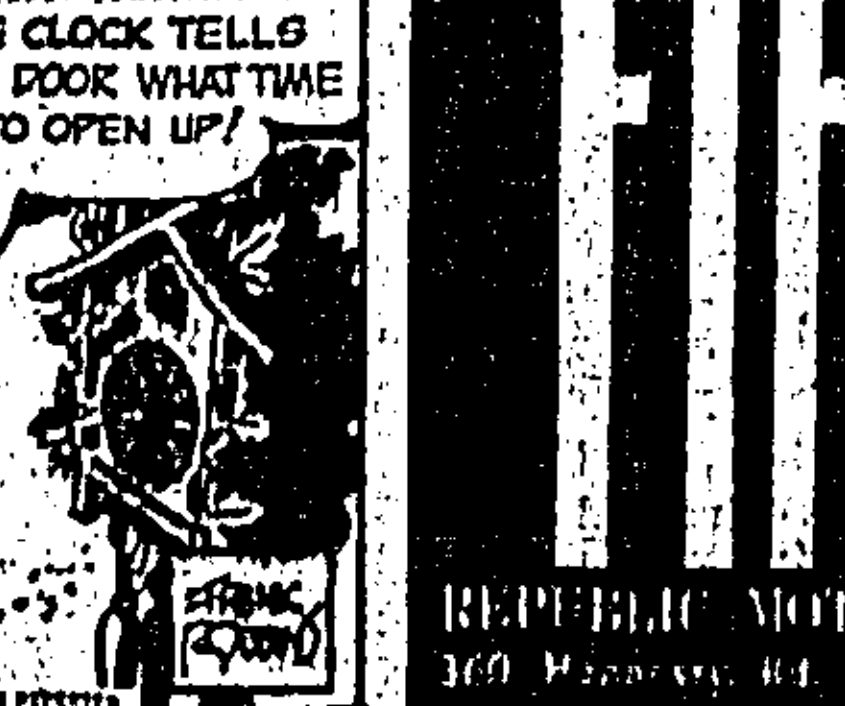
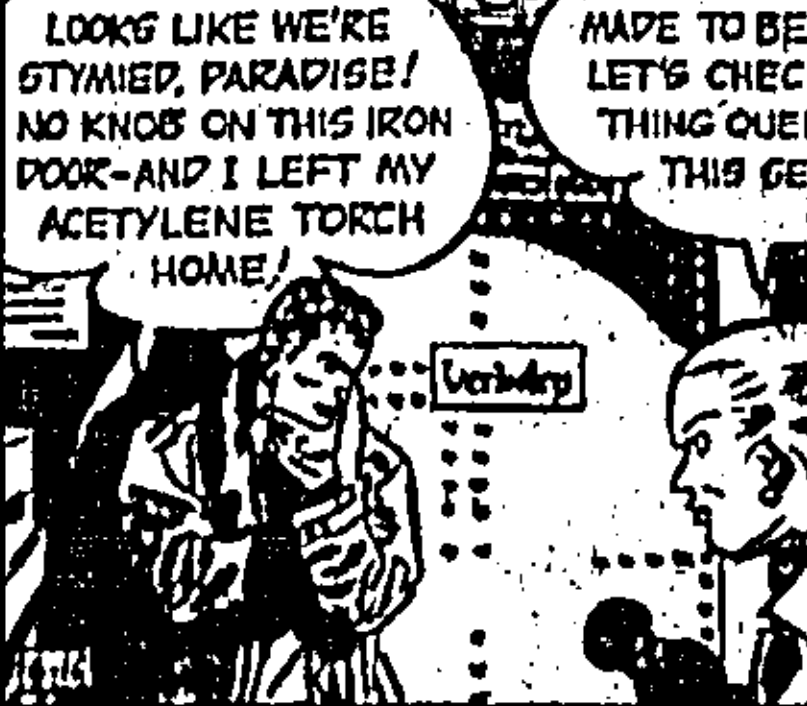
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Analysing Empire Problems

London, Sept. 24.

Senior Commonwealth officials today began a detailed analysis of British policy documents and statistics on the Sterling Area submitted to them by British Ministers.

The officials, over 50 finance and economic experts, started private talks in London on Monday to prepare for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference here in November. They have set up a "forum" in which they are seeking further elucidation from the British official delegation on various documents and statistics.

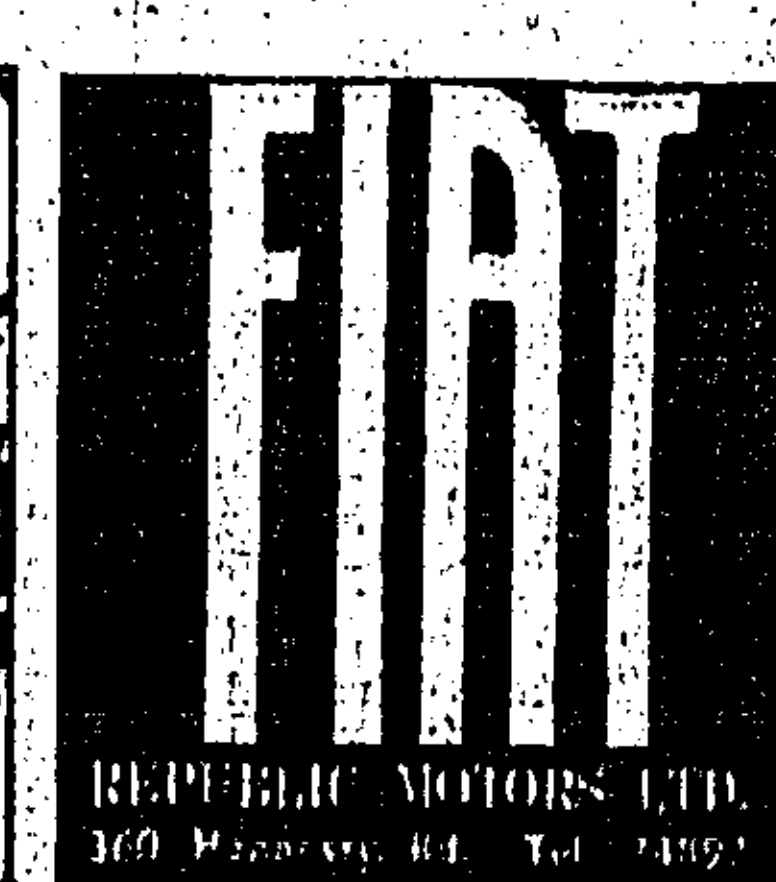
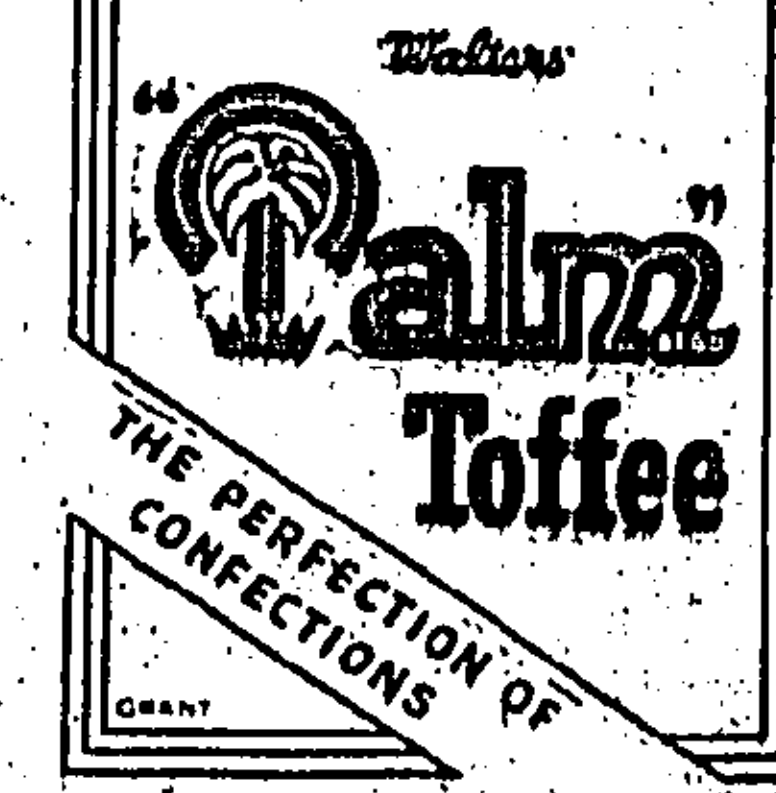
This will enable them to sketch a rough subject agenda for their talks and set up several committees on various Sterling Area problems.

These committees will cover long-term policy, questions on convertibility, the Commonwealth development, commodities, Imperial Preference and relationships with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The officials will set up a special committee to examine production and development projects in the Sterling Area territories.

These projects will be part of the long-term proposals for improving the Commonwealth finances and economy.

The experts will examine arguments for and against proposals but will not proffer definite governmental decisions. These would be left for the Prime Ministers. — Reuter.



ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS		To	
"TIJWANGI"	Oct. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJADANE"	Oct. 7	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Djakarta, Belawan, Deli, Singapore, E. & S. Africa	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Oct. 9	Manila, P.I. Ports, Djakarta, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & America	
"TEGELBERG"	Oct. 10	Japan	
"TIJADANE"	Oct. 12	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJADANE"	Oct. 12	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJLUWAI"	Oct. 16	Japan	
"VAN HEUTEZ"	Oct. 20	Japan	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Oct. 21	Singapore, Djakarta & Belawan, Deli, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TASMAN"	Oct. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"MAETSUYCKER"	Oct. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJWANGI"	Nov. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"RUYE"	Nov. 3	Japan	
"TIJANAS"	Nov. 8	Japan	
"TIJADANE"	Nov. 9	Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & America	
"TIJONDOK"	Nov. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Nov. 10	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America	
"TIJLUWAI"	Nov. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TEGELBERG"	Nov. 21	Japan	
"VAN HEUTEZ"	Nov. 22	Singapore, Djakarta & Belawan, Deli, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJANPEK"	Nov. 27	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJWANGI"	Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TEGELBERG"	Dec. 9	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America	
"TIJADANE"	Dec. 14	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJLUWAI"	Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"BOISSEVAIN"	Dec. 30	Japan	
"TIJWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	

ARRIVALS

From		To	
"TIJWANGI"	Sept. 28	Manila, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJADANE"	Oct. 5	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJLUWAI"	Oct. 5	Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore, Djakarta & Manila	
"TEGELBERG"	Oct. 7	S. America, Djakarta & Manila	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Oct. 7	Japan	

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Cotton Trade War Possible Outcome Of Buxton Textiles Conference

Taiwan-Germany Barter Plan

Taipei, Sept. 24. Taiwan will export 20,000 tons of sugar to West Germany in exchange for chemical fertilizers and machinery. The US\$24,000,000 barter trade agreement now being negotiated, Mr. Yang Chi-cheng, General Manager of the Taiwan Sugar Company, said yesterday.

CEYLON RESTRICTS IMPORTS

Colombo, Sept. 24. Ceylon has decided to restrict imports from European countries, according to usually reliable sources here.

The cuts would be in addition to the measures announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Senanayake, last week-end to meet Ceylon's financial crisis and food shortage.

These included increased taxation and a surcharge on some luxury imports. Imports from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, France, Switzerland and Turkey would be brought under licence under the new cuts.

Imports from Germany would also be severely curbed. Goods affected include textiles, woolsens, clocks, cars and various liquors.

The measure will come into effect almost immediately. British Commonwealth countries are excluded, from the cuts. — Reuter.

Pessimism Over U.S. Economy Now Clearing

New York, Sept. 24. New 1952 production records are proving a commonplace; there are forecasts of increased defence spending and civilian output continues encouraging.

Pessimism is giving way to optimism in several quarters. The machine-tool industry, the backbone of production, now looks as though it may set an all-time record this year.

More motor-cars are being made than at any time in the past 15 months.

But amid all the pleasing and encouraging reports are some sour notes. Some businessmen and that fraction in the stock market to fractions at the close.

Trade War Possible Outcome Of Buxton Textiles Conference

Buxton, Sept. 24. A cotton trade war appeared today to be a more likely outcome of the International Cotton Conference than a peace plan it was called to promote.

The Conference has not yet resumed full session after six days of exchanging facts and figures from which delegates of 11 exporting countries had hoped to map out the future of world trade on a live-and-let-live basis.

The Steering Committee, comprising leaders of all participating delegations, is meeting today to draw up the final report, which will be presented to the full session of the conference, which may be called on Thursday.

Visits to mills and other cotton centres in Manchester have been arranged for all delegations.

The only hard fact that has filtered through the screen of secrecy surrounding the conference is that the British delegation has turned down definitely the Japanese idea of lowering tariff barriers in the Commonwealth markets.

Nothing official has been announced on this, but every observer is predicting that a trade war between Lancashire and Japan for world cotton markets appears to be more likely than peace.

A spokesman for the British delegation told reporters that the conference has made good progress, but he did not say how Britain would benefit materially from the conference. He said the British delegation put the British case as strongly as they could, and that there was no intention of giving away anything Britain possessed. — United Press.

STILL SUSPICIOUS

Buxton, Sept. 24. Lancashire's suspicions that the Japanese want to increase trade with Commonwealth markets have in no way been diminished by talks at the International Cotton Textile Conference, observers at the conference said today.

That Britain is fully alive to this is shown by repeated statements by Lancashire's own representatives at the conference that Britain is giving nothing away and that an increase in Britain's own exports is absolutely essential.

One cause of these suspicions is Japan's plea for a lowering or removal of tariff barriers. Lancashire mill owners know that Japan is not an importer of cotton yarn or cloth. They therefore consider the lower tariffs can only mean increased exports by Japan—mainly at Britain's expense.

In the first six months of this year, Japan sold more cotton piecegoods in the Commonwealth than Britain, despite the fact that imports of Japanese cloth are banned, or restricted in many of these markets.

The leaders of the delegations from Britain, Japan, the United States, India and Western

Europe have stressed the importance of increasing world consumption of cotton goods as the most promising way out of the industry's difficulties.

STUDYING REPORTS

Today, the conference's steering committee is studying the reports by the two sub-committees. The first sub-committee has been examining each delegation's estimates of the likely future volume of world trade in cotton goods and the share in that trade each expects to achieve.

The other has been examining ways of increasing world consumption and world trade in cotton goods.

The steering committee will place these reports before a full meeting of the conference tomorrow, which should be the last day of the sessions which started here last Friday.

The Indian delegation is today giving a luncheon to the delegates at Manchester. Afterwards some delegates will visit the British cotton industry research centre, the Shirely Institute, and an exhibition of British fabrics at the design and style centre in Manchester.

Other delegates are visiting mills around Manchester. — Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$244,892.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
BANKS	
Bank of China	1405
East Asia	148
INDUSTRIALS	
SHIPPING	750 50 @ 755
Asia Nav.	1.45
DOCKS, ETC.	
K. Wharf	02
N. P. Wharf	02 300 @ 20.00
Dock	02 1000 @ 20.00
Utilities	
Power	005 700 2250 @ 03c
Shai Dock	1.85
Wholesale	42 1/2
LAKE, ETC.	
H.K. Hotel	0.40 0 1/2 500 @ 6.45
H.K. Land (O)	40 1/2 200
H.K. Land (N)	40 1/2 200
Shai Land	1 1/4
UTILITIES	
P. Tram (O)	30
Star Ferry	0.10 0.20 1000 @ 0.20
C. Light (O)	0.20 0.30 1000 @ 0.20
C. Light (N)	0.20 0.30 1000 @ 0.20
Electric	22.10 22.30 1000 @ 22.10
Macao Elec.	10.00
Telephone	17 1/2
INDUSTRIALS	
Cement	17.20 1000 @ 17.10
	200 @ 17.20
	1000 @ 17.30
Stores, ETC.	
Dairy	10.10 10.20 2000 @ 10.10
Watson	20.00 20 0 1/2 20.70
Crawford	29 600 @ 22.65
OTTO	
Bwo	2.45 700 @ 2.50

Grain Futures Higher

Chicago, Sept. 24. Chicago grain futures closed mostly higher. Commercial buying and short covering lifted soybeans after a shaky start. Wheat closed off 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher and soybeans were 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher. Prices closed as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.39 1/2
December	2.35 1/2-2.35
March (1953)	2.41 1/2-2.41
May	2.42 1/2-2.42

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Japanese Mission	
Tokyo, Sept. 24.	
Japanese oils and fats	
merchants have decided to send a mission to Indonesia to negotiate an increase in the import of copra, according to the J.I. Press. The mission will be composed of 10 members.	
France-Press.	

Rangoon Talks Held Up

OIL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Rangoon, Sept. 24.

Negotiations between the Burma Government and three British oil companies for further development of the country's oil industry are held up over a constitutional issue, authoritative sources said today.

The Burmese Government was to have had a one-third share in a joint venture with the Burma Oil Company Limited, the Indo-Burma Petroleum Company and the British Burma Petroleum Company.

Now the country's left-wing Press is attacking the venture on the grounds that it cuts across the Constitution which stipulates that Burmese citizens hold "at least 60 per cent of capital" in any company or association exploiting the country's natural resources.

Section 210 of the Burmese Constitution says that "all timber and minerals, lands, forests, water, fisheries, coal, petroleum and other mineral oils, all sources of potential energy and other natural resources shall be exploited by the Union; provided that subject to such specific exceptions as may be authorised by an Act of Parliament in the interest of the Union, the Union may grant the right of exploitation, development or utilisation of same to citizens of the Union or to companies or associations at least 60 per cent of which is owned by such citizens."

Official circles said last night that the Burma Government will refer to the Supreme Court for a decision on the question whether the joint venture agreed between the Government and the oil companies had infringed the constitutional provision.

The latest Press recently opened a campaign against the Government, alleging that the joint venture was a violation of the constitution. — Reuter.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Sept. 24.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
October	75 1/2-76
November	75 1/2-76
December	75 1/2-76
Number 2 rubber	
October	69 1/2-70
November	69 1/2-70
December	69 1/2-70
Number 3 rubber	
October	63 1/2-64
November	63 1/2-64
December	63 1/2-64
Spot rubber, unbleached	75 1/2-76
Blanket crepe	62-63 1/2
No 1 pale crepe	24-25

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
October	26.70 nominal
November	26.70 nominal
December	26.70 nominal
January (1953)	26.70
February	26.70
March	26.70 nominal
April	26.70 nominal
May	26.70
June	26.70
July	26.70
August	26.70
September	26.70
October	26.70
November	26.70
December	26.70
Spot	27.50

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

The rubber market was very quiet. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in pence	
October	24.25
November	24.25
December	24.25
January	24.25
February	24.25
March	24.25
April	24.25
May	24.25
June	24.25
July	24.25
August	24.25
September	24.25
October	24.25
November	24.25
December	24.25
Spot	24.25

—United Press.

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"SAINT MARCOUF"	Oct. 20	Oct. 25 Japan
"FEI HO"	Nov. 10	Nov. 21 Japan

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"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Sept. 29	Sept. 30 Marseilles via Saigon
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"FALAISE"	Oct. 20	Oct. 26 N. Africa & Europe

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: FRIDAY the 26th September at 12.00 noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at NO. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE By noon on THURSDAY the 25th September, 1952.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place FRIDAY, the 26th September, 1952 between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

m.v. "LA MARSEILLAISE" will sail for MARSEILLES via MANILA, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ & PORT SAID

on Tuesday, 30th September, 1952 at 10 p.m.

Passengers are requested to board the vessel with their cabin baggage on the 30th September between 5 and 9 p.m.

Baggage room and Hold baggage will be registered at the Kowloon Godown No. 50 (No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance) on the 29th September from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m. and on the 30th September from 10 a.m. to noon only.

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Quiet Day In Stock Gains NY Cotton Pared

New York, Sept. 24. Cotton trading proved quiet and uneventful. Traders held to the sidelines awaiting new inventories or watching the action of the outside markets. Hedge offerings increased whenever the December delivery neared the 39.25 cents level. Bullishly inclined traders tried to make capital out of crop deterioration reports from Texas. Evening up in October delivery provided a trading feature.

The market opened 5 higher to 3 points lower. Thereafter it saw-sawed over a range of 1 to 10 points, to close 5 higher to 10 points lower. Open contracts in October delivery at the start of trading totalled 211,000 bales. Prices closed today as follows:

JAPANESE BONDS	
Spot	39.00 nominal
October	39.00
December	39.00-39.05
March (1953)	39.00-39.00
May	39.05
July	39.20-39.25
October	39.25 nominal
December	39.25
March (1953)	39.27 nominal

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Sept. 24. Japanese bonds: "A" (45. of 1950) 81 "B" (45. of 1910) 67 1/4 "C" (45. of 1907) 120 1/4 "D" (45. of 1934) 94 "E" (45. of 1930) 164 1/4 Consols 67 1/4 —United Press.

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